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After a wet start to Molly Ockett Day Saturday, the rain held off and the crowds turned out for the parade and other events on and near the Common. Here, onlookers watch the Frog Jumping Contest, which moved this year from Stan Howe's lawn to the Moses Mason House lawn. Human winners were Tyler Woods (9'8"); Oliver Fredette (9'1"); Nicholas Lapoint (8'11") and shortest jump, Jacob Kolb (5"). More photos, Page 9. A. Aloisio

Daylilies sales to benefit the hearing impaired

BY ALISON ALOISIO

Karen Paul's late mother loved daylilies. She also had a hearing problem later in life.

In memory of her mom, Paul plans to use the sales of daylilies the weekend of Aug. 1 to benefit other local residents who have hearing impairments.

Her project was born originally of a class on self-expression that she takes in Massachusetts. The assignment: do something to benefit the community.

Paul said that shortly after the assignment, as she was working in her perennial garden, "my mother's voice came to me and said 'why don't you sell daylily plants sometime this summer and raise money for a hearing fund for local people in need of help buying a device or getting a hearing test?' My mother loved her gardens, and especially daylilies."

Paul said that her mom, because of her hearing problems, had pulled away from social events as she got older. Paul thought helping others with a similar problem would be a good choice.

She then heard through a West Parish Congregational Church member that they were working to install a new sound system in the church, in order to make understanding speakers easier for the hearing impaired.

Paul decided that would be ready-made way to channel her own effort, and the Community Hearing Project was underway.

Paul grows daylilies at her

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Karen Paul with some of her daylilies. A. Aloisio

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Effort to reopen Casablanca ends

BY ALISON ALOISIO

A state law that would require more bathroom stalls in the Casablanca Cinema has ended an effort to reopen it, according to Courtney Bennett of Bethel.

Bennett and her husband, Mike, have been working since March to reopen the four-theater facility at Bethel Station. It closed in 2012.

The cinema first opened in 1994, with three bathroom stalls each for men and women, Bennett said Friday. The building can accommodate about 450 people, she said.

Their plans called for upgrading two of the screens to digital projection, at a cost of \$100,000, she said, and use a third screen to play DVDs. The fourth theater was to be converted to a 40-seat pub for about \$30,000, Bennett said.

She said the bank required another revenue source besides the two theaters, prompting the pub plan.

But there they ran into trouble. Because the pub is considered a change of use, an updated state code that went into effect in 2009 would have required that 10 total new bathroom stalls be added, at a cost of \$25,000 to \$30,000, she said.

The Bennetts learned of that requirement early last month.

Since then, she said, they have been trying to find a solution. Bennett said she had contacted state Rep. Fran Head for help, but nothing could be done about getting around the law. Bennett also looked into adding bathrooms, but logistics of the building and the estimated cost prevented it, she said.

About \$11,000 had been contributed through an online fundraiser by other people supporting the reopening effort, Bennett said. She plans to return all the money.

Bennett said she will lose about \$2,500 of her own money she had put into the process. She said she and her husband had a five-year lease lined up, and had been scheduled to finalize a bank loan of \$150,000 June 30, and take occupancy of the building July 1.

"I feel like I've let the community down," she said.

The bathroom requirement has left her frustrated, she said. "I can't fight state government. At some point, who else can I turn to?"

Bennett said she would e-mail everyone who contributed money to arrange for refunds. She said if for some reason any contributors do not hear from her, they may contact her at cjrichards74@yahoo.com.

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Letters

TRUCKER RUDE TO CYCLISTS

To the Editor:

The Board of Selectmen in our home town has been debating the issue of bicycle safety with regard to the placement of signs asking drivers to "Share the Road." This is in reference to the state law requiring motorists to give a minimum three foot clearance when passing cyclists. To that end I must share with you two disturbing occurrences which I incurred with a trucker recently.

On Monday, July 6, I was riding with my girlfriend westbound on Route 2 towards Evans Notch. After a water break at the Rest area in Gilford we crossed Route 2 and traveled a short distance when we pulled over so Melissa could take a business call. At this time we were completely off the shoulder and on the grass past the road for the Gilford river launch. At this time the driver of an 18-wheeler truck was traveling eastbound toward Bethel. As he approached he rudely gave us "The Royal Salute" with his middle finger when passing us by. I called the trucking company and talked to a representative from the safety department. At this time he said his trucks had GPS locating services and he would attempt to locate the driver.

Then, on Friday of that week another incident! On Route 2 eastbound there is a memorial for the rider that was tragically killed during the annual Trek Across Maine. When riding past it I decided to turn around by the Gordie Howe store to pay respect. Again, completely on the opposite side of the road and OFF the traveled surface this same driver displays the same juvenile behavior. Calling the company again I spoke with another employee, who sensed my obvious frustration again.

This is totally unacceptable behavior and this individual needs to be reprimanded. His actions were unprovoked and unwarranted.

Maine is a beautiful state to travel by bicycle and the sport is ever increasing in popularity. Action needs to be taken here so that residents and visitors alike do not confront such uncivilized behavior.

Brett Webber
Bethel

THE FLAG

To the Editor:

The flag at half-staff. Is that really too much to ask of the president of the United States? Really. Is it?

Would it be too much of a task for the president to pick up the phone and call the parents, wives and children of the four U.S. Marines and the one American sailor that were shot dead by an Islamic terrorist? I don't think so but then, all of the victims in this case, were white.

Don't some of you amongst his most ardent supporters find this just a little troubling? I do. Aren't any of you upset that Martin O'Malley, a Democratic candidate, said at a rally "Black lives matter, White lives matter, all lives matter" and was booed and jeered off the stage? Has this nonsense gone so far as to suggest that only black lives matter? Can there possibly be anyone out there that doesn't agree that all lives matter.

I submit to you that if racism does exist in this country ... and it does ... it has been fueled by this administration. When the president shows genuine concern over the death of black people and cares enough to call the parents, calls press conferences and condemns all police, shouldn't he do the same for the parents of the white military men who were gunned down just doing their job by an Islamic terrorist, shouldn't he condemn the Islamic Fascists that are the scourge of the earth right now and publicly call it exactly what it is? Workplace violence? Lone wolf? Like hell you say ... it's Islamic terrorism.

If you have a flag pole at your home, please consider lowering it to half-staff to honor these five men and leave them down until the end of the month. Don't do it in order to spite the president ... do it because it's the right thing to do. I've lowered mine, the Bethel Inn has lowered theirs and I hope the town follows suit. And if the president does order the flags lowered are you comfortable in believing that it will be done with compassion to the fallen or did he do it because it has caused a politically uncomfortable situation for himself? And "Himself" it seems, is always at the top of his agenda. As of this writing, it has been five days.

Harry Faulkner
Bethel

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MLT DISAPPOINTED WITH GOVERNOR

To the Editor:

Now that the legislative session has ended, the Mahoosuc Land Trust is extremely disappointed that the Governor chose not to release the Land For Maine's Future bonds, and the legislative leadership could not convince him to do so, or agree upon some other avenue to ensure these bonds were released. It is interesting to note that these bonds were supported by more than 60 percent of the voting public - a greater percentage than most elected state officials.

Over the past two years, the Mahoosuc Land Trust has been working, with the support of many of you, to add 407 acres to our existing Whitecap Preserve, which many of you have enjoyed while hiking, skiing, or snow shoeing. This addition would include preservation of over two miles of Ellis River frontage with some gentle hiking/walking trails near the river and some other more moderate trails connecting to our existing network on Whitecap. Following discussions and agreements with the landowners involved; and completion of costly appraisals, surveys and baseline studies, we submitted a grant request to LMF. Our proposal was the highest scoring regional project and LMF granted us \$200,000. After signing contracts to purchase the property and an adjacent conservation easement and raising almost all of the \$200,000 in matching funds required, we are now placed in an awkward position because the State will not release these granted funds.

Will the landowners agree to a lengthy postponement of the closing date for the property involved?

Will it be one year, two years or longer until this issue is resolved?

Will our many generous donors understand why this project is being delayed and permit us to hold their donations in a designated account?

If we borrow money to complete the project, would LMF eventually release the \$200,000 as promised to complete this contract?

There are many other questions which we face along with the 29 other organizations which were granted LMF funds.

These bonds, voted by the public should never have been used in an effort to gain political leverage. If Rep. Fran Head feels "we need to release these bonds," we hope Rep. Head will work in the next regular legislative session to see that they are released as soon as possible. In Western Maine, with the slow decline in the forest products industry, we must realize that the environment is becoming an important economic driver for the area. People come here to enjoy the great outdoors, spend their money in recreational pursuits, and even retire here because of the natural beauty. The Mahoosuc Land Trust's properties welcome thousands of visitors a year for recreation while being managed for the growth of timber.

While we wait for some governmental resolution to this issue, we thank you for your patience and support, and urge you to encourage our legislators to strive for the release of these funds in the near future.

If you have any questions, or would like to contribute to this project, I urge you to call the Mahoosuc Land Trust 207-824-3806.

Bob Iles, President

Mahoosuc Land Trust

(Note: MLT was asked to comment on the issue, and the response lent itself best to a letter format.)

From the State House

BY REP. FRAN HEAD

On the Land for Maine's Future bonds

Now that summer is here and we are enjoying "the way life should be" in Western Maine, we should consider how critical it is to be good stewards of our environment. There have been many good pieces of legislation this session, including LD 568, "An Act To Protect Maine Lakes." I supported this bill, and many others which will keep our water clear and our forests thriving.

Many constituents have been writing to me with concerns regarding the Land for Maine's Future bill. I am proud to represent one of Maine's most beautiful house districts, stretching from Lovell to Eustis. I wish releasing the bonds was as simple as the papers make it sound. Believe me, it is not. I want the bonds released as much as anyone and I am confident that the legislature will move expeditiously in the second regular session for this effort.

The fact is, LD 1378 was a last-minute attempt to re-write the existing bond authorization process and would result in a dramatic shift away from the safeguards and oversight which has been in place for many, many years. Maine voters spoke loud and clear that they want the LMF bonds in place, and it is a promise we, as lawmakers, need to honor. Here is the problem; by removing chief executive oversight, our credit rating will be threatened.

If the bill was simply to release the LMF bonds, I would probably support it. We need to also keep in mind that the entire bonding process should be overseen by more than one person, which under LD 1378 would be the State Treasurer. The State Treasurer is a political appointment and the qualifications for the position are minimal.

Current statute protects our bond rating by requiring the governor's signature for the sale of all general obligation bonds which in times of economic turbulence, such as the recession, can be a critical power to help maintain our state's credit rating.

The amended version broadens the original intent of the bill past Lands for Maine's Future bonds and expands it to all general obligation bonds.

This has been a process that has worked for decades and provides one more check to ensure our state is managing its debt responsibly. This type of practice has resulted in Maine's credit rating remaining strong and improving even in the middle of the last great recession.

General obligation bonds are authorized for five years and the state's financial situation can change drastically in five years. The power of the governor to sign these bonds is an important check to make sure we're not selling bonds during rocky economic times.

Let me be as clear as possible. We need to release the bonds, but this attempt isn't the right way. We shouldn't be removing executive authority, as our state credit rating will likely be lowered. I can't support legislation that will damage our credit rating. Maine taxpayers deserve better.

I hope this clarifies my position, and I am confident that in time, the bonds will be released. Until then, I owe it to my constituents to consider the importance of keeping accountability and transparency in the bonding process.

MOLLYOCKETT DAY RACE THANKS

To the Editor:

Despite a rainy start to MollyOckett Day, the MollyOckett Day Classic Road Race drew an intrepid group of competitors who were unfazed by the moisture falling from the sky. Between the 1 mile kids' race, the 2 mile walk, the 5 mile road race and the diaper dash, there were 131 competitors. The Bethel Outing Club hosted the race this year and since a goal of the BOC is to promote enjoyment of outdoor endurance sports like running, we were excited to have such a good turnout for the races. The Bethel Area Chamber of Commerce has organized the race in recent years and their help in this transition year was invaluable. We would like to thank Julia Reuter, Robin Zinchuk, and Jessie Seymour Perkins for their patience and wealth of knowledge as we learned the ropes.

We would like to especially thank our sponsors who helped make putting on the race possible. DuraLife, Stephens Memorial Hospital, Bethel Family Health Center, and River Valley Healthy Communities were the major sponsors who backed us financially this year. We also had many local businesses who donated wonderful prizes for racers who won in their age groups. These businesses include: Mount Abram Ski Area, Nabob, 22 Broad Street, S.S. Milton, Pat's Pizza, True North Adventureware, Suds Pub, Maine Line Products, Philbrook Toy Store and Community Sports, Bethel Bait and Tackle, Crossroads Diner, Hitching Post, Local Hub, DiCoco's Market and Bakery, Wendy Yeoman's Yoga, Christine Liberti's Yoga, Aker's Ski Shop, and Carter's Ski Shop.

The MollyOckett Day races also require tremendous volunteer help. We would like to thank the following volunteers who came out early Saturday morning to help with race logistics: Kyler Walker, Max Southam, Kate Rideout, Rachel Brouwer, Anne Marie Maher, Christine Trefethan, Sarah Weaver, Savannah Sessions, Lorrie Hoehl, Leslie Rowse, Gary Inman, Lindsay and Greg Luetje, Suzanne, Bruce, Hannah and Reese Newsom-Pierce, Saranne Taylor, Lilo Bean, Livy Clarke, David Walker, Nancy Babcock, Andrea Lutzo, Betsey Cooper, Susan Owens, Kellen True, Gabi Stone, Kelley, Emily and Bailey Fraser, Chris Barstow, Jonathan and Kate Goldberg, Amy Call, Ann Speth, Wade Kavanaugh, Bethany Weisberger, Carlie Casey, Charlene Chase, Norm, Isaac and Dylan Greenberg, Fred Bailey, Rose Lincoln and family. Thank you to Outward Bound for the use of their tables and chairs. Thank you to Brian Scheidegger for helping with the food.

There are a number of 2015 MollyOckett Day Race T-shirts left after the event. They are on sale at the chamber for \$10. The sizes are L, XL, XXL and XXXL. There are also T-shirts from previous years on sale for \$5. All proceeds from the event will go to the Bethel Outing Club who, in turn, will use the funds to support cross country ski programs and events in the local schools and the greater Bethel community.

Thank you for a great day of running. If you would like to join the Bethel Outing Club on Monday evenings in the summer for an informal time trial running series, please meet us on the upper Gould fields by Ordway Dining Hall at 5 p.m. We will also be hosting the Kids' Triathlon on Aug. 8. For more information on the Bethel Outing Club and the activities the club sponsors, like us on Facebook and check out our website: <http://www.bethelouting.org/>.

Sarah Southam
On behalf of the Bethel Outing Club

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BY DANNA BROWN
NICKERSON

10 years ago: Fifty-four local soccer players attended the Bethel Soccer Camp at Gould Academy under the direction of Brett Shifrin and Brad Clarke.

Gil Seeley, North Newry correspondent for the Bethel Citizen since 1991, retired at the age of 97.

Births: Eli Whalen Shifrin, Benjamin Charles Adams, Payton Storm Berry.

Deaths: Ruth D. Mallar, Ellen H. Keene, Beverly J. Sweetser, Natalie M. Hunt.

20 years ago: A "Mature, Experienced, Informed Adults" computer workshop met at Crescent Park School to learn how to use the internet.

Robert and Camilla Everett purchased Bethel Auto Sales from Brad and Judy Barker, who had operated the business for 18 years.

Births: Thomas Erastus Westleigh, Megan Therese Currier, Heather Marilyn Lincoln, Stanley Jarrett Fox, Death: Harold N. Maxfield.

30 years ago: An estimated 3,000 to 4,000 people were in town for Bethel's annual Mollyockett Day celebration.

Jeff Boyle, Chris Chapman, and Chris Hanscom, Boy Scout Troop 565, and their leader Raymond Harrington, attended the National Boy Scout Jamboree at Fort A.P. Hill, Va.

Births: Erin Marie Tripp, Christine Lynn and Gordon John MacKenzie III, Lindsay Beth Pitcher.

Deaths: Michael Allen Merrifield, Jr., Hattie F. Crocker, Grace Ward, Bernard Morgan, Rena A. Spidell.

40 years ago: The new ambulance for the Bethel Emergency Ambulance and Rescue Service, a Wayne Care-o-Van on a Dodge chassis, was delivered.

Members of the Bethel Rifle Guard staged a black powder shoot on the grounds of the Moses Mason House to mark the beginning of Bethel's year-long celebration of the Nation's Bicentennial.

Birth: Dean Harlan Girard.

Deaths: Philip J. Bailey, Harry D. Taylor, Sr., Neil James Smith.

50 years ago: Bethel firemen were called to a late evening fire in the sawdust bin at Favreau's mill, West Bethel.

Eric Paul fell from the roof of the Godwin chicken house and was taken to the hospital by ambulance.

Birth: Robert Harold Mills.

Deaths: LaForest B. Campbell, Calvin J. Ritcey, Katherine Virginia Kellogg.

60 years ago: Over 1,000 people gathered in the old Smith field and at the Grange Hall to celebrate Newry's Sesquicentennial with a parade, concert, games and contests, a supper and old time dance.

Bryan's Market advertised "Every Day Low Prices" with specials Friday and Saturday, and offered delivery every day but Wednesday.

Birth: Valerie Jean Knights.

Deaths: Mrs. Nellie Abbott, Frank Hale, Mrs. Ada Rolfe.

70 years ago: Carmeno Onofrio spoke on the requirements of a local airport or other landing facilities at a Chamber of Commerce meeting.

The late King Bartlett, who served the railroad

Letters

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BICYCLE AWARENESS**To the Editor:**

I attended the Bethel Selectmen's meeting July 13 for my concerns about safety involving commercial vehicles and bicycles on our narrow roads in Bethel. Bethel is not a bike friendly town as promoted by those who gain financially from their presence here. It is not friendly for those of us taxpayers that live and work on these secondary roads such as Vernon Street, North Road, East Bethel Road and Intervale Road.

Everyone at the meeting appeared to agree that safety is a concern and that bicycles are considered vehicles by Maine law. Jim Tasse, director of Maine Bicycle Coalition read the Maine laws about keeping to the right and obeying the stop signs, etc. These laws apply to all vehicles, including bicycles.

I voiced my observations about slow moving vehicles pulling over for loaded trucks to pass. Farm equipment and construction loaders, etc. have done this for years. I personally pull over to the right to let cars pass when I am under the posted speed limit.

Sheriff Gallant was asked to speak and he stated Maine law says all vehicles must pull over to allow traffic to pass if they are traveling under the posted speed limit. He enforces this regularly on Route 26 and Route 2, I meant to ask him if he and his deputies intend to enforce this law on our secondary roads as well. However, Chairman Howe cut the discussion on this agenda item because of time on an already full agenda. At least those in attendance know this law exists.

A person in attendance told me after the meeting he has video to document that a certain group of bicyclists are not complying with this law and he followed them for several miles before he could get a good clearing to be able to pass.

I don't know if the future brings more awareness of unsafe practices, but let's hope for more consideration towards each other.

Bob Blake
Bethel**MOLLYOCKETT DAY THANKS****To the Editor:**

Mollyockett Day is one of Bethel's greatest traditions, and it couldn't be done without the help of the whole community. After a wet start to the road races, miraculously the weather held off for the entire day and allowed all events right up until the fireworks to go off without a hitch.

Thanks go out to our volunteers: Rose Lincoln and Barb Dion for pre-event prep, Jim Grover, Ron Savage, and the Savage Contracting team plus Scott Hynek, Dave Freiday, Gabe Perkins and Doug, Matt, and Brian Zinchuk for setup and cleanup; road guards Melissa Sheridan, Rosemary Laban, Amy Amann, and Lloyd Sweetser; and chamber tent staff Mia Purcell, Fran Head, Bill Strauss, Sally Sawyer, Barb and Bob Dion, and Lloyd Sweetser.

A big round of applause for everyone involved in the parade: Sara Hemeon led the way with help from Farish Hemeon, Dave Scanlan, Lloyd Sweetser, and the Roxbury ATV Riders. Laurie Herron, Ed Kennett, and Sonia Albin served as judges. Congrats to the parade float winners: the Funky Red Barn in first place, Mahoosuc Arts Council in second, and Scott Mathieu and his band of pirates in third.

Big thanks to Kristen O'Connor and the crew from Western Maine Budo Arts for monitoring trash and recycling throughout the day!

Appreciation goes to the Bethel Outing Club for taking over organization of the road races. Thanks to Mame and Allen Connors, frog-jumping experts, for leading that event, and to The Bethel Inn Resort for sponsoring it. Bryant Pond 4-H Camp & Learning Center staff created kids' activities. Thanks to Aranka Matolcsy for successful grant writing to support Native American programming. Arla Patch created this year's artwork, and again led the Essay Challenge. Congrats to Ashley Savage and Austin Bear for winning this year's challenge!

Thanks to all those who offered in-kind assistance: the West Parish Congregational Church, the Bethel Alliance Church, and the Bryant Pond Masons for offering tables and chairs, the Bethel Historical Society for use of its lawn, Bethel's public works crew for delivering traffic control signage, Mt. Abram for its radios, and Casella Resource Solutions for delivering dumpsters.

Mollyockett Day was presented by Mahoosuc Realty & Rentals, with additional support provided by TransCanada, Pepsi Beverages Company, Nadeau Development, Maine Mineral & Gem Museum, Northeast Bank, Stephens Memorial Hospital, Dead River Company, Franklin Savings Bank, Community Energy, the Maine Arts Commission, Maine Humanities Council, the Rotary Club of Bethel, and the towns of Bethel, Greenwood, Newry and Woodstock.

Atlas Fireworks and Jim Bennett went above and beyond for a fabulous fireworks display. Supporting sponsors included LBO Enterprises, Pooh Corner Farm & Greenhouses, Good Food Store & Catering Co., Smokin' Good BBQ, and Doug Zinchuk Roofing.

The organizing committee included Maggie Kroenke, Sara Hemeon, Arla Patch, and Lloyd Sweetser. A final thanks to all the individuals, businesses, organizations, and entertainers who held open houses and special events, entered the parade, set up vendor booths, and got in the Mollyockett Day spirit. You all add up to a wonderful event that people look forward to year after year!

If you have ideas about how to make Mollyockett Day even more fun, whether it's something new or reviving something from the past, please get in touch with us at the Bethel Area Chamber of Commerce, 824-2282 or info@bethelmaine.com. All are welcomed to champion new ideas and help make them a reality. Our doors are open - come in and talk to us! Together we can make it happen!

Robin Zinchuk and Jessie Perkins
Bethel Area Chamber of Commerce**Lilies**

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home, so she will provide some for sale. She has also asked others to donate plants. Early donations included lilies from a number of Berlin and Gorham, N.H. friends, she said.

She also looked around for a good location to hold a sale, and recently ended up with two Nabos on Mechanic Street in Bethel and Deer-Wood Gardens in Waterford. On Saturday, Aug. 1 from 9 a.m. to noon Nabos will host a potted lilies sale in its parking lot.

The next day, Sunday, Deer-Wood Gardens will offer all the daylilies in its fields to be dug by the buyer, according to Deer-Wood owner Beverly Hendricks. The hours will be the same as Saturday.

Deer-Wood is closing this year as Hendricks and her husband, Brian, switch over to a landscaping-focused

business, she said. They will still use daylilies for that, Hendricks said, "but I have way more than I can ever use."

Buyers should bring their own shovels and five-gallon pots/pails.

"I do have some large pots for the plants to be put in," said Hendricks. "I will also assist with the digging. The cost will be \$10-\$15 a clump. Some of these plants I will sell at that price for just two fans. A big bargain! I will donate part of the sales to Kar-en's fundraiser."

Deer-Wood is located at 571 Norway Road in Waterford.

About the church need

Seabury Lyon of the West Parish Church is coordinating the sound system project. He said equipment for hearing-impaired church members is "a large and growing need."

In addition to that compo-

nent, Lyon said the church is also looking to provide other resources, among them a means for shut-ins to access content and services through community TV, CD recordings of Sunday, and other services such as funerals, weddings, community band concerts, etc.; and a reliable sound service for regular services in the church sanctuary.

"Such an undertaking requires serious planning and a budget to match," said Lyon. "Congo members have been contributing what they can, but creative means to raise the funds in the community are needed to bring the project to completion. Plant sales and auctions are among the activities currently being considered. Karen Paul is the first to step up with a benefit plant sale in the name of her mom."

"Before this year I had never been anywhere on the continent of Africa," Heather said by e-mail.

"However, while I was studying at UNH I had done a lot of research and writing about the HIV/AIDS epidemic in Uganda. So finally having the opportunity to come to the country through a global health fellowship was a dream come true."

One aspect of the fellowship that appealed to her most was its model of pairing each international fellow with a native Ugandan fellow.

"This provided me an opportunity to build relationships with some of the most talented young professionals in the country," she said.

Heather's co-fellow, Sam Agona, is originally from the northern part of Uganda. An ICT specialist, he has worked on web design and data systems during his fel-

lowship.

Being the only non-Ugandan at the AMS clinic has enriched her learning experience and reinforced her belief in bringing local knowledge and solutions to development problems.

"We are committed to creating a new breed of health sector leaders who develop innovative solutions to the most challenging health problems all over the world," the website states.

Each year, a new class of GHC fellows completes an intensive two-week training at Yale University before heading to placements in the U.S. and several countries in eastern Africa.

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From the Newry Deputy Town Clerk's Desk

BY KELLY SCOTT

The 2015 tax bills were sent out on July 9. The due date is Sept. 30, but if pay or postmark payment by Aug. 6, you will receive the 2 percent discount. Remember you can pay your tax bill online at our website www.newrymaine.org and click on the AndroPay link. Some helpful hints when paying on-line...you will need your account number which is located above your name and address on your bill, it will have an "R" or a "P" before the number. When paying through AndroPay, you will need to remove the R or P and just use the numerical portion. The system will bring up the total amount you owe, so if you are paying before Aug. 6, just enter the amount with the 2 percent discount and it will be applied to your account appropriately.

The office staff would like to give a special thanks to Mandie Berry, Nancy Wight and Marilyn Scott, who helped fold, stuff and seal 3,442 tax bills. We were able to complete them in one day. Great job everyone.

The Letter S reconstruction is fully under-way. Please

use caution when traveling up that road, especially during the week day when the construction crews are most active.

The Newry School Withdrawal Committee has sent a letter to all the registered voters in town outlining their proposals, the negotiating process and the current status of their work. This letter gives you the contact information for the committee members if you have any questions or suggestions. We have copies of the letter here at the town office if you did not receive one and are interested in reading about their process. The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, Aug. 6 at 5 p.m. at the town office.

On a side note: If you received the NWC letter and noticed your address was wrong, rest assured it has been corrected. The mailing list was pulled out of the voting database which contained mostly "physical" addresses of residents. We have since updated that database to contain the correct mailing addresses.

We would like to remind homeowners to make sure your e-911 address is visible from the roadway. This

is very important, as this is how emergency responders can find your location in the event that you need them.

We were proud to see one of our Newry Fire trucks in the Mollyockett Day parade. We had the honor of transporting the Telstar Softball team ... 2015 Western Class C Champs. Hope everyone enjoyed the festivities.

It was great to see the New England Forest Rally in town this weekend. This sport brings drivers and spectators from all over the world. If you didn't make it up to see them, we are sure you heard them!

Sunday River will be holding the Tough Mountain Challenge this weekend. Good luck to all the competitors.

Here's your historical tidbit from the Newry Archives: The first original bridge that crossed the Sunday river (where the artists' covered bridge is now) was reportedly called "Joel Foster Bridge." It was washed away in 1869. In 1872 the current covered bridge was built in its place.

Until next time...stay informed, ask questions and get involved!

Telstar alum takes on the worldBY AMY WIGHT
CHAPMAN

From the Tibetan refugee community of McLeod Ganj in Dharamsala, India to the top of Mount Kilimanjaro in Tanzania, 2003 Telstar graduate Heather Zimmerman has seen a lot of the world since leaving Bethel 12 years ago.

Next month, she will return home to Maine for the first time in a year, after working in Uganda as a Global Health Corps fellow.

Founded in 2009 to address global health inequity, GHC, according to its website, "provides opportunities for young professionals from diverse backgrounds to work on the front lines of the fight for global health equity."

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Lynne and Heather Zimmerman at the summit of Mount Kilimanjaro in February.
Submitted photo

She was recruited by the University of New Hampshire Nordic coach and spent four years racing with her college team, scoring top-10 finishes on the carnival circuit and graduating in 2008 with a degree in history. During her junior year, she had the opportunity to study abroad in New Zealand.

College graduation was followed by a year of training and racing with the Central Cross Country Ski Association team in Wisconsin.

With aspirations of being one of the top 20 Nordic racers in the U.S., and possible Olympic dreams, she used the time to determine whether she could reach her goals, said her mother, Lynne Zimmerman of Bethel.

At the end of the year, when she found herself ranked lower than she had hoped, "she decided it was time for a new direction," Lynne said.

After working for a year or so for an organization promoting implementation of the Affordable Care Act, first in Portland, then in Pittsburgh, Heather volunteered with a non-profit organization that assists Tibetan refugees in Dharamsala, India, the home of the Dalai Lama and the headquarters of the exiled Tibetan government.

The Lha Charitable Trust provides vital resources, including language and health education, vocational training, and distribution of food,

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for himself, that he has no intention of recommending against withdrawal and putting to a town vote whether to end the process.

Sysko said he is neither for nor against changing the funding formula, but if another committee wanted to do that, he was fine with it. He said he wanted Newry to be more independent in controlling its education money. But he also said the priority is the education of the students. "The money is secondary," he said.

Newry selectmen, who received a copy of the commissioner's letter at their Tuesday meeting, discussed it and the process for looking at a funding formula change, but did not conclude their board should take any steps at this time. The negotia-

tions process had last left off with the Newry Withdrawal Committee awaiting a counterproposal from SAD 44.

Selectman Jim Largess said the message of the letter seemed "pretty clear" that it would be acceptable to talk about both a withdrawal agreement and a formula change at the same time.

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OCSD asks buyers to return stolen Woodstock items

BY CHRISTOPHER CROSBY, SUN MEDIA

A day after arresting a Woodstock couple for a burglary spree that shattered a rural community's sense of security, (see story at right) police are asking for good Samaritans to return the stolen property.

To date, only a fraction of items—mostly rare coins—have been returned by a "handful" of citizens who have stepped forward, Oxford County Sheriff's Lt. Brian Landis said Monday.

The amount pales in comparison to what was stolen: Landis said an early estimate on the total value, mostly cash and jewelry, is as high as \$25,000.

"A lot of people were affected," Landis said Tuesday. "Sometimes (police see cases with) a higher cash amount, but this is certainly a big case."

As the investigation uncovers additional, unknown victims, police have shied from giving a definitive number of homes hit, simply calling them "numerous."

Now police are working with pawnshops and asking for anyone who suspects that they might have purchased and received stolen goods to give them back to their owners.

"Some of the property is recoverable, but most is not," Landis said. "Some has been pawned and is traceable, but most of it was sold to unknown people. If friendly citizens want to come forward, we'd love to hear from them."

On Monday, police arrested 32-year-old Corey Douzart of Gilead and Ashley Howard, 20, of Woodstock as the main suspects behind the thefts.

Each are charged with multiple counts of burglary and theft; Douzart, who is originally from Louisiana, has an active arrest warrant on burglary and theft charges from that state, though he is not likely to be extradited, according to Landis. Douzart has been denied bail, while Howard's bail was set at \$5,000 cash. Both were expected in court Wednesday.

Police say that the couple's spree crossed Oxford County, targeting at least six towns. They allegedly waited until homeowners left and then forced their way through doors and windows, quickly trading the seized items or selling them for drugs.

Over the past several weeks, the thefts seemed focused heavily on Greenwood and Woodstock, where the duo were apparently staying at a home belonging to Howard's mother.

While mineral collector Dennis Gross, 66, was out of the house, he said thieves forced their way into his Bryant Pond home and took three tourmaline crystals worth \$1,200. He doesn't expect to see them again.

"I'd like to see the stuff back, but I don't think they will (be returned)," Gross said. "It could have been worse; they just grabbed what was obvious."

Gross said he's been robbed before while living in Illinois and wasn't as concerned as some neighbors, as burglary is "just a part of living anywhere."

The Oxford County Sheriff's Office can be reached at 743-9228.

Hanover selectmen say boulder must stay until ownership determined

BY MATTHEW DAIGLE, SUN MEDIA

The Board of Selectmen said Tuesday evening that a controversial chunk of granite in front of a local couple's home could neither be removed nor destroyed until the ownership of the land that the granite rests on is established.

Homeowners Glen and Suzanne LaForest, who live in Utah, own a log cabin on the shore of Howard Pond, and in front of their home is a 12-by-17-foot chunk of granite.

The LaForests said the boulder is too close to their garage and is a hazard to people driving by.

In 2011, the Board of Selectmen disagreed, and voted 2-1 to ban the couple from moving the rock.

Suzanne LaForest said Tuesday that she had scheduled a contractor to start removing the rock on Tuesday morning, but her neighbor, Pam Pulia, parked her car in front of the boulder and other neighbors started walking by the boulder too close for the contractor to work.

Selectman Frank Morrison Jr. said that he met with town at Jennifer Kreckel and the See Boulder, Page 6

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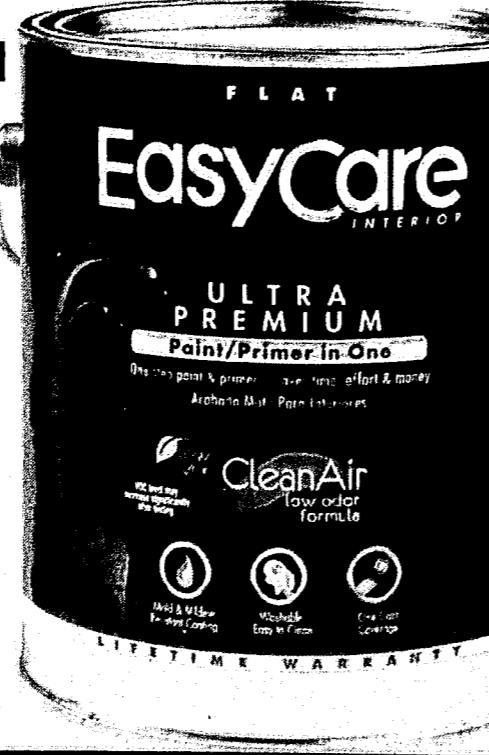
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Woodstock couple arrested in burglary spree

BY CHRISTOPHER COUSINS, SUN MEDIA

A couple believed to be behind a spree of smash-and-grab burglaries that have plagued several rural communities and sent homeowners into panic were taken into custody Monday afternoon, according to police.

Suspects Corey Douzart, originally from Louisiana, and Ashley Howard, 20, of Woodstock, were arrested without incident at a mobile home on Cushman Road. Howard and Douzart were taken to the Oxford County Jail in Paris where they were booked and taken into police custody for questioning.

According to Oxford County Lt. Brian Landis, each is charged with multiple counts of felony burglary and theft after police said

they broke into numerous homes across the county, including in Woodstock, Greenwood and four neighboring towns.

Police declined to say how many homes were hit, citing the ongoing investigation. Seasonal, vacation homes and permanent residences were targeted.

Douzart also has an outstanding warrant for his arrest stemming from burglary and theft charges in Louisiana, Landis said. However, he is not expected to be extradited.

Monday's arrests, carried out by members of the Maine State Drug Enforcement Agency, Oxford County Sheriff's Department and Maine State Police, are not the last expected in the case as police look to wrap up an investigation that has spanned two months.

"Homeowners must always be cautious and lock up doors and windows, but today we've taken care of a problem," Landis said.

Landis cautioned that the investigation is still ongoing, but said the couple stole an estimated \$10,000 to \$25,000 in goods, which they then traded for drugs or sold for cash.

Some of the items were recovered from buyers who called police to report they suspected purchasing stolen items, though it was not yet known how much will be recoverable. The same buyers later pointed the finger at the couple, Landis said:

The burglary spree sparked concern among homeowners in the neighborhood after a handful of homes were ransacked over the July 11 weekend. Even as police increased patrols and nar-

rowed in on the perpetrators, homeowners became jumpy, frequently calling in vehicles driving at night and persons they thought were suspicious, according to police incident logs.

Brittany Kesseli, 26, of Woodstock, left her home to take her 2-year-old daughter swimming on July 11 and, upon returning after about an hour, discovered her dog had escaped the house and behaved oddly.

She didn't discover her home had been hit until the following morning, after a coin jar and several rings, estimated at around \$8,000, were noticed as missing. Though relieved to hear suspects had been arrested, Kesseli said her peace of mind has been shattered.

"I just feel violated, like someone's watching me," she said.

Navy SEALS riding through Bethel

BY LESLIE DIXON, SUN MEDIA

can not be revealed because of his active duty status — said he was struggling with how to give back to the community before he decided to help raise funds for Camp Sunshine.

Another Mainers, Lew E., who is originally from Westbrook, signed on as did two others from other parts of the country.

This year, twice as many Navy SEALS are expected to participate in the challenge to raise more than \$100,000 for the camp that was founded in 1984 on the banks of Lake Sebago in Casco. It serves sick children and their families from around the world. Services are free and include 24-hour medical and psychosocial support and private family suites, paid for with donations and supported by a staff of more

than 80.

Bill Kennedy of Otisfield, an event volunteer, said he has met with great enthusiasm from everyone he has talked to about the event.

Kennedy said the SEALS' run down Mt. Washington will start at 5:30 a.m. Thursday, July 30, arriving at the Glen House at about 7 a.m. From there, the SEALS will hop on bicycles and with a Maine State Police escort will ride across Route 2 through Gorham and Shelburne, N.H., and into Gilead, arriving there between 7:45 and 8:15 a.m. and on through Bethel between 8:30 and 9 a.m.

From Bethel, they will travel down Route 26 into Locke Mills and West Paris about 9 a.m. to 9:45 a.m. and into Paris from 9:45 a.m. to 10:15 a.m. They are scheduled to stop

at Moore Park for a 15 to 20 minute rest, where several hundred invited guests will be waiting.

The SEALS will continue on Route 26 through Norway and Oxford, passing by the American Legion on King Street from 10:45 to 11:15 a.m. and then go up Meguire Hill Road into Poland, turn right at the intersection of Route 11 and travel south to Route 302 in Naples. They will ride to Route 114 in Casco where they will go to Camp Mataponi and swim 3 miles to the beach at Point Sebago Resort, where a large group is expected to be on hand for their arrival.

"For this SEALS team and for Camp Sunshine's families — failure is not an option," Mike W. said in a press release.



The Way I See It

BY SHARON BOUCHARD

Time marches on as the old saying goes and with its advancement things sure do change.

We all know that technology has moved at the speed of light and has had a profound effect on everything. Computers and cell phones have to be constantly updated just to keep pace with the ever changing world of technology.

I understand all of that even if I don't understand most of the electronic and digital gadgets that change like the weather with each new technological advancement.

And as time goes on styles, fashions and trend are constantly changing too even though they have little to do with technology. Over the decades we have gone through long dresses to short dresses to mini dresses to micro dresses (leaving little to the imagination) and back to long dresses. Now it seems that any length is acceptable.

Hair styles for both men and women have gone from long to short to long again to shaggy to however you want it. That's not such a bad thing and I more or less understand that too.

What I don't understand is why anyone would think that comic book characters who have gone relatively unchanged for many, many years should be updated to reflect the current times.

I was very dismayed to read that at the recent Comic-Con (I guess that's a convention for comic books) it was revealed that Archie comics is going to be modernized. What's up with that???

As a kid I couldn't wait to get my hands on the newest issue of Archie. I just had to know what was going on in Riverdale. Would Archie be

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dating Betty or Veronica or maybe even someone else. I'm not sure what happened with that, but I think it fizzled.

For whatever reason that potential change didn't bother me as much as the idea of bringing the characters into 2015 with all the trappings and trends to go with it. The picture that I saw in the paper made Archie look like a young man in a Geoffrey Bean ad.

That's like giving Mark Trail a ponytail and a diamond stud earring or Dagwood Bumstead a Celtic ring tattoo and an orange Mohawk. That just isn't right!

How would Nancy fans react if all of a sudden Nancy and Sluggo, always children of undetermined age, became full-fledged married adults? I just don't think that would go over at all.

These comic book characters have been with us with few changes for many years. I grew up with them and did many of the baby boomers. As my life went through rapid changes from teenager to adult to mother there was comfort in the fact that their lives did not.

Archie and the gang were timeless. They fit into the current era as easily as they fit into the 60s without changing them and the way I see it that is exactly how they should stay.

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clothes, and medicine to facilitate the refugees' transition from their homeland to their new community.

After completing a one-month training in Boston, Heather began teaching ESL to Tibetan refugees at McLeod Ganj. In addition to her work there, she walked several miles to teach a few days a week in a school started by a Buddhist monk in a slum of Dharamsala.

While in India, Heather also taught ESL in a Buddhist nunnery in Leh and spent six months volunteering in Calcutta with Apne Aap, an organization dedicated to ending human sex trafficking.

After returning home to Maine in late 2012, she took an Americorps position in Portland that focused on hunger initiatives for underprivileged children.

For the next two school years, she also volunteered as a coach with the Freeport

High School Nordic ski team and helped to start an ESL program for adults at Scarborough High School.

Last July, she began her fellowship with GHC. When she returns later this summer, she will spend just a few weeks in Maine before heading to graduate school in London to pursue a master's degree in Asian and African studies.

A dedicated long-distance runner, Heather has continued to train and run marathons while in Uganda, including one last fall in Kampala, which she ran in a borrowed pair of sneakers after misplacing her own.

Safaris and summits

For Lynne, her daughter's world travels have provided an opportunity for her to visit some exotic places.

She made two trips to India during Heather's time there, visiting the Buddhist nunnery in Leh and the Taj Mahal the first year, and

spending time trekking in the mountains during a two-month visit the second year.

Last February, Lynne traveled to Africa, where she had an opportunity to get to know the GHC staff while staying with Heather in Uganda before the two set off together for Tanzania.

During a week-long safari in the Serengeti, "we saw everything," Lynne said, "including rhinoceros, cheetahs, giraffes, elephants, lions, hyenas, gazelles, warthogs, wildebeest, zebras, baboons, monkeys, ostriches, and many other birds, including storks and cranes."

Following the safari, they set out with a group of about ten Americans and a support team of about 50 on an eight-day summit of Mount Kilimanjaro.

The support staff included cooks, guides, and many porters, who carried the vast amount of food and gear needed for the group, from tents and stoves to self-contained portable toilets.

At 19,341 feet, the dormant volcanic mountain is the world's highest freestanding peak. About a third of the 20,000 climbers who attempt the climb each year turn back before reaching the summit.

"It started raining the day we started," said Lynne, who added that the group also experienced hail during their climb, and for three of the seven nights they camped on snow.

Lynne, who at 76 was the oldest member of the group, suffered from altitude sickness, called acute mountain sickness, or AMS.

"Once you get above 10,000 feet, you really start feeling it," she said, with symptoms that include headaches, loss of appetite, and fatigue.

"The staff was very supportive," Lynne said, adding that one member of the kitchen staff, a man named Ezekiel, was especially attentive, encouraging her and giving her chocolate when the anti-malaria drugs she was taking compounded her lack of appetite.

The group camped at 18,000 feet on the last night of the climb, and reached the summit at 9:20 a.m. on the seventh day.

"We spent six and a half days going up, and a day and



MUSIC WITHOUT BORDERS PIANO STUDENTS-International classical piano students and their teacher gathered recently at the home of Bud and Lynne Kulik of Bethel for a garden party supper. Recitals for MWB are on Tuesdays and Wednesdays, plus Friday and Saturday evenings at 7:30 p.m. in the McLoughlin Auditorium free of charge. The last concert will take place Saturday, July 25. Pictured are, Kneeling: Lev Davydov (Buzuluk, Russia), Master Teacher/Artistic Director Prof. Dr. Tamara Poddubnaya, Mark Demidovich (Kostroma, Russia), Christian Sanders (Haarlem, the Netherlands), Josey DiPhilippo (New Hampshire), Tambi Cimuk (Bursa, Turkey). Back: Baoyu Wright (New Hampshire), Sebastian Livonen (Sweden), hosts Bud & Lynne Kulik, Ilya Ishechenko (Buzuluk, Russia), Executive Director of MWB Don Christie.

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By Donald G. Bennett

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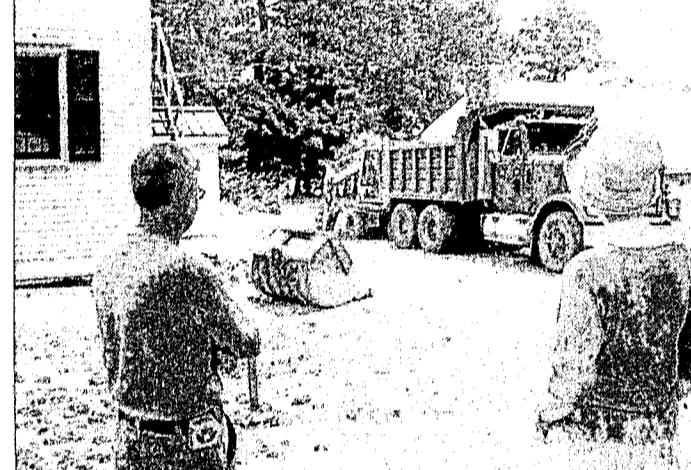
for the historical society's new barn foundation between the Valentine Wing and Bethel Inn conference center. A number of very large boulders were encountered, the last one

being so large it had to be split to sizes that could be removed.

Two autos collided in a very serious accident on Mayville Road only a few yards away from the entrance to Birch Woods in Mayville. No injuries noted but both vehicles had to be towed away.

Sunday River Farms (former Ladd Farm) had its giant sprinkler irrigating system running for three days during the week.

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July 14, 7:31 p.m.: Evelyn Hamilton, 63, of Bethel, DV assault; by Cpl. George Cayer in Hanover.

July 16, 1:43 a.m.: Jeffrey M. Bernard, 29, of Plymouth, Mass., OUI; by Deputy Matt McDonnell in Bethel.

July 18, 7:25 p.m.: Christopher E. Leclair, 36, of Rumford, attempt to elude an officer, failure to display an inspection sticker; by Deputy Steve Witham in Bethel.

July 19, 11:20 p.m.: Heather R. McAlister, 26, of Mexico, habitual offender, OUI; by Trooper Jason Wing in Albany.

July 20, 8:37 p.m.: Corey T. Douzart, 32, of Gilead, burglary and theft; by Cpl. Brian Landis in Gilead.

July 20, 6 p.m.: Ashley R. Howard, 20, of Woodstock, burglary and theft; by Deputy Josh Wyman in Greenwood.

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pany have begun work for a new house on the North Road which overlooks the former John Laban farm buildings. Barry has a new golden retriever puppy named Copper to help him during the day. New home owner is Joyce Morgan of the Rumford area.

NE Forest Rally

Friday morning at South Ridge was a "Facebook Day" for rally fans, rally teams and "the press." What I liked was seeing how many states have teams at this rally - I saw plates from Tennessee, California, Utah, Michigan, Illinois, Florida and North Carolina plus plates from all the northeastern states. It was like an NTL session when people from all over the country came here.

This year there were three rally cars with UK license plates. For 2015 and 2014 the winning team came from Wales and Bristol, England. As part of rally safety there are the sweep teams. I found out from the Sweep Captain that his job is to ensure that the rally route is ready to go from end to end. The first sweep is required to be done at least 30 minutes before the start; then paramedics are stationed at key points and after the last car has passed through a final sweep are made to ensure all cars are in and that no one has broken down and been left behind.

Our Wales connection: Kathy, Apryl and I have visited Wales a number of times (many years ago). One weekend we stayed at a Bangor, Wales hotel; another time we visited a slate factory that had a 50 foot high water wheel and took a scenic train ride in old time passenger cars that ran through a green valley. Wales also has some great castles that draw a lot of visitors.

Molly Day

As a spectator I saw the day as three events - parade, frog jumping and (find old friends) on the Common. On the corner in front of Chapman Inn I joined up with the Swain family to watch the parade. It was like watching an accordion as it stretched and squeezed. This year there was a super abundance of ATVs. My parade likes were the Pirates and the group I call Fantasy Dancers. Found out later that the Pirates didn't qualify for a prize because they didn't fit the parade theme. After the "Parade" passed by the second "parade" of parade watchers streamed uphill to the Common - group 2 was as interesting as group 1.

Frog jumping put on by the Connors seemed to be the most interesting attraction of the day. Good for some great laughs. Then I looked around

The crowd and realized I did not recognize anyone there. Anyway the Frog Jumper fans and contestants definitely rate five stars.

A tradition of Mollycoddle Day is finding old friends whom you have not seen for a while. That's when I started counting people I recognized - by the time I had made the rounds my count was up to six - starting with Mike Brown who was Number 1. And meeting up with Jim Mitchell I got a look up job from him. So my trip around the tents was a happy one.

The Maine Ski Museum had a large exhibit this year and the Maine Mineral and Gem Museum sluice seemed quite popular. Along the way I took a photo of a young Miss Mollycoddle at one of the tents. I had seen her, I think, at the Frog Jump.

Tubing Race and Scavenger Hunt

Day two of Molly's Weekend saw the noontime start of Bethel Outdoor Adventure's tubing and scavenger hunt race from a start point near the recreational bridge from there down the river to Davis Park and return along the pathway where contestants had to search for "treasure" according to a list of clues that racers had as guides. The group I followed included two women, from Augusta and Oxford, and two men from Greenwood.

1980s - When Condo Fever Hit Bethel

In 1982 Sunday River Skateway, then owned by Les Otten, invited the public for the launching of the Cascades condominium. Not long after Cascades came the Sunrise condo located up the slope from Cascades. This seemed to kick-off a condo fever in Bethel.

The first plan reviewed was for the Opera House Condos, April 1983. At this point, the plan was to sell all the condo units before construction started. This was the rule followed by the Bethel Inn in setting up contracts and building plans for the Fairway Condos. This turned out to be a solid rule to follow and projects where it was not followed faced financial difficulties and in some cases bankruptcy.

In the FY 1989 Town Report there was sort of a condo wrap-up report which listed applicant names, project names and number of units for all condominium/multi-unit projects which had received planning board action from 1975 to May 1, 1990. This report listed 17 named projects totaling 407 units.

Looking at Planning Board reports for the next ten years showed no other condo projects being introduced although there were



NEWELL HONORED-Cathy Newell of Greenwood was recently presented with an award for her contributions to the field of adult education in Maine at the annual Maine Adult Education Conference at Bowdoin College. The 2015 conference was co-sponsored by the national Council on Adult Basic Education. COABE president Thomas Nash of Windham Adult Education and Thelma Regan, President of the Maine Adult Education Association presented the award. Newell served as Executive Director for the Maine Adult Education Association for 13 years, retiring in February of 2014. From 1979 to 2002 she was the Director of Adult and Community Education in SAD 44.

Submitted photo

some amendments.

Bethel

By Nancy Brown



On Sunday I hung several strings of colored lights on a balsam fir tree in the wetland area near our house. The tree celebrates the 100th birthday of my father, Edwin Brown, on July 22. My father spent most of his life living on this piece of land where my mother and I live now. His grandparents, Leslie D. Brown and Clara Brown bought this property and moved to the house with their families. My parents moved into the house in 1963. When my fa-

ther was a boy, the Brown family still farmed the land, growing potatoes, hay, and corn and raising cows. Eventually the pastures and fields grew back to trees. My father loved the pine and balsam trees. Over the years he cut down many balsam fir trees because his children always wanted two Christmas trees (one inside, one outside); so I thought it fitting to celebrate his 100th birthday by lighting up a living tree.

There is a Blue Moon

on July 31. That doesn't mean that the moon will appear blue-colored. That happens only in rare cases when dust in the atmosphere creates a bluish-appearing moon. In recent years people have used the term Blue Moon to name the second full moon in one calendar month. The first full moon this month was on July 2. Years ago a Blue Moon was defined as the third of four full moons in a season. However, in the past few years, popular usage has favored the name for the second full moon in one month. The term first appeared in an article published in the March 1946 issue of Sky and Telescope and was revived by Deborah Byrd, a commentator for EarthSky, in the 1970s. The term was used in a children's book, *Kids' World Almanac of Records and Facts*, published in 1985. But what sealed Blue Moon's definition as the second-full-moon-in-a-month was its inclusion as a question in the board game Trivial Pursuit. Enjoy the novelty of this Blue Moon. The next Blue Moon (after July 31) won't be until 2018. There are two Blue Moons that year: Jan. 31 and March 31.

The monthly Community Supper will be Wednesday, July 29, from 4:30 to 6 p.m. at the Bethel Alliance Church, 251 Walkers Mills

Road (across from Telstar). The supper is free. For more information call 824-2289.

The second concert in the Bethel Celtic Concert series will be Wednesday, July 29. Performing will be The Stanfields, Songs and Stories from the Shores of Nova Scotia. The concert is at the Bethel United Methodist Church, 79 Main Street. Doors open at 6 p.m.; show starts at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$15; student tickets are \$5.

If you have news to share, please e-mail me at brown-nancy1950@gmail.com.

East Bethel

By Wally Ritz



I'm glad that we finally got some much needed rain. It's just a shame that it also brought us high humidity. I love my lilac bush when it rains at night. The rays of the street light catch it just right to make it look as if it had lights on it.

How many of you went to Town for Mollycoddle Day? I haven't gone in several years other than watching the parade. I miss the way it used to be when we had moved to Bethel in 1986. Would love to hear your sentiments on this. Call me at 507-1008 or e-mail heinrichcracker@gmail.com.

Jean Grover's daughter, Suzanne Bernhard from Alamedar, Calif., was recently here for a visit. They had a great time together.

Not too much longer and it will be Trapper's weekend at Neil Olson's. I will keep you posted with details. It is such a fun time and I'm glad that Eva and John Coolidge talked me into going a few years back. I have been attending ever since.

On to the new Trivia question. Who said "Mr.

Boulder

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LaForests' attorney Tuesday afternoon to "review several documents."

"The ownership of the road is in dispute," Morrison said to the residents at Tuesday evening's meeting. "There's been a question about who owns that particular road that's in dispute. There are deeds that have been passed down through the present owner's attorney, and the attorneys are working at that."

Morrison added, "The only way the rock can be removed is by obtaining a Shoreland Zoning Ordinance permit, since the rock is over 10 cubic yards and is within the town's Shoreland Zoning area."

"One of the requirements for obtaining the permit is establishing the ownership of the land upon which the boulder stands, which has

not been established by the homeowners," Morrison said. "Right now, that's it. Nothing else can be done until the ownership of the land is established."

Morrison clarified that even if the LaForests were to prove ownership, they would have to go through the Planning Board to obtain a permit before doing anything with the rock.

"However, until the dispute is settled, nothing is being done," Morrison reiterated. "Our attorney and their attorney are going through the information right now, and until this is settled, we have to wait."

Selectman Richard Stratton said the excavating equipment had been moved from the LaForests' property as of Tuesday afternoon.

Stratton later asked Morrison, "Do we feel that this is sufficient enough notice to the homeowners? Are we sure that they know they can't remove the rock or destroy it until the ownership of the land is determined?"

Morrison replied that the LaForests' attorney has been notified that the rock can't be removed.

"Everything has to take place between the attorneys right now," Morrison said. Pulia said, "My question is this: When the LaForests hire another contractor to come and do the job, who's going to stop them?"

Morrison said the LaForests "don't have ownership until they can prove they have ownership."

"Yes, but are they going to claim ignorance next week?" Pulia said. "If we weren't there this morning, that rock would be gone. Do I have to stand there every day with my cup of coffee and wait for a police officer to come and arrest me?"

The LaForests were not at Tuesday evening's meeting.

Board of Selectmen Chairwoman Brenda Lee Gross said, "We're all hoping that the homeowners are going to go along with this in good faith, and that they will prove the land is theirs first before doing anything with the rock. I'm certain that they know what's going on right now."

Morrison added that if the homeowners decided to move forward with removing the rock, despite the fact that they have to wait until ownership has been established, "we would immediately contact our town attorney, who would file a formal injunction to stop the process."

He said, "That's really all we can do. If something is happening with the rock, and we can't contact her in time, residents can contact the town, and we'll make sure the code enforcement officer is informed and puts a stop to it."

The LaForests were not at Tuesday evening's meeting.

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Sonny is a little bashful around people. He prefers to walk around the community room and investigate whoever enters rather than have someone come to him.

Sonny can be touched and patted, but he doesn't like to be picked up. Everyone has personal rules, and that is one of this year-old cat's. He likes to ease into an introduction and think about things for a little while.

Handsome Sonny needs to live with a person that know trust has to be earned. He will come around. While his new person is waiting, he will make his presence known and be happy to hand round checking things out.

Responsible Pet Care of Oxford Hills is a no-kill, non-profit shelter and adoption center for cats and dogs; and the holding area for stray dogs for 12 towns in Oxford County.

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Dow, may I serve you more of this dessert?" And what was the answer?

Have a great week.

West Bethel

By Karen Paul



Catherine Lovejoy attended a birthday party for her daughter Dorothy West in Rumford last week. Catherine also visited her cousin and his wife in Lewiston at Clover Manor. She will be putting on a hymn sing Monday afternoon for the residents at Norway Center for Health and Rehabilitation. Shane Lovejoy and family were in town last week and hosted a family cookout.

Rodney Jordan has been at Norway Rehab for two weeks healing his right foot.

Sarah Paul's got Maine on her mind. She's making plans to move from San Francisco back to Maine at the end of August. Our family is pretty delighted with this whole idea! She'll be moving to Fairfield which puts her just a two hour drive from us in Bethel.

Eva Paul and family will be flying in from Crested Butte, Colo. in August for a two week stay. Eva recently called me very excited as she has a new position at the local hospital. She is the first Licensed Massage Therapist to join the new Integrated Therapy Program which was rolled out July 10.

The Pleasant River Campground was very busy last weekend with most all 75 sites filled. The New England Forest Rally brought people from all over the country. The campground accommodates everything from tents to giant RVs. Michele and Mike are again opening their pool to families for \$125 for the summer or drop in for a day for \$5 per person. That's a bargain and much easier than cleaning your own pool.

Pleasant River Motel is having a good summer as well. Their 18 units were filled with folks from all over New England who were here with their Rally cars or volunteering.

Update on the Hearing Project: There will now be two opportunities to purchase plants and help raise money for the Hearing Project. This year the project will help the West Parish Congregational Church with their sound system upgrade. Aug. 1 there will be a perennial potted plant sale on Mechanic Street, 9 a.m. to noon at Nabos. Bring a truck and load them up. The owners of DeerWood Farm & Gardens in Waterford have graciously offered to host another benefit event the following day, Aug. 2 at the farm at 571 Norway Road in Waterford. They are just a couple miles from Papoosie Pond. This event differs in that you bring a spade and 5 gallon buckets and dig your own daylily clumps. We will have volunteers to help if you cannot dig yourself.

Andover

By Jane C. Rich



There will be a special meeting of the Olde Home Day Committee at 6:30 p.m. this evening to go over some last minute details. We will also have trophies and ribbons to distribute to the various contest chairmen.

The Historical Society will be adding something interesting to their displays this year which is the mill whistle that for many years was used at the Swain Dowel Mill in East Andover. Ross Swain has restored it and modified it so it is no longer operated by steam. Many people in town can remember the whistle calling them to work and I'm told it could be heard in Andover Village when "the wind was right." This year marks the 40th anniversary of the Andover Historical Society and once again they will be sponsoring the 64th Annual Flower Show which they took over from the Friday Club, a local group that dissolved a number of years ago. Programs for the show are available at local stores. Unfortunately, I won't be able to enter this year since I'm gardenless at the moment.

Speaking of Olde Home Day, please be aware that the Transfer Station will be closed on Aug. 1, however, they will have hours from 1 to 4 on Friday afternoon, July 31. I promised I'd put this in every week until the above dates, so people will be aware.

The Bandstand Raffle in support of Olde Home Day will feature a quilt with butterflies made by Merry Damone as a first prize. The second prize is a gem necklace. As usual tickets will be \$1 each and 6 for \$5. T-Shirt and button sales also support the expenses of the event.

The Andover Artists Group is seeking items for display for this year's art show that will take place in the Old Telephone Office formerly Addie's. Please have items mounted or framed for display and they need to be by local artists living or deceased or show life in Andover and the surrounding area. For further details call Pam Berry 392-1052 or Wendy Hutchins 392-2211.

At 1 p.m. in the Town Hall on Aug. 1 retired Game Warden John Ford and retired Maine State Trooper, Mark Nickerson will entertain with exciting and humorous stories about their long careers in law enforcement serving the citizens of the State of Maine. Folks who have seen their "act" tell me it's very good. The program is sponsored by Cabot Lodge 115 Knights of Pythias.

Bryant Pond

By Alice Hoyt



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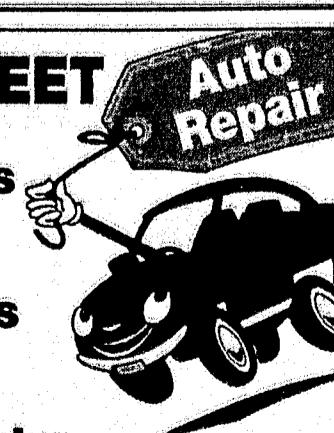
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CEMETERY WORK IN SOUTH BETHEL-Carter Richmond and Dylan Richmond of Mason Township and Kory Harrington of Bethel from Boy Scout Troop 565 with help from Victoria Harrington of Bethel, recently performed community service at the South Bethel Cemetery. The volunteers trimmed brush, mowed grass, painted the white wooden fence and installed new wire fencing around the perimeter of the cemetery which is located on Route 26 just south of Bethel. The cemetery is run by an association rather than the town, but over recent years has been maintained by dedicated volunteers whose families, including several war veterans, are buried there.

by certified mail around the first week of August. Those who receive these notices will have thirty days to respond or a tax lien will be placed on their property.

Whether or not the piece of certified mail is picked up by the delinquent taxpayer does not matter, since the notice will be returned to the tax collector and the lien process will continue.

Got any news? Call 836-2987 or e-mail chapma@hotmail.com.

Hanover

By Maria Holloway



Maine Loon Project
This past Sunday, faithful volunteers Bob and Peg Susbury conducted the 32nd annual official Howard Pond loon count for the Maine Audubon Loon Project. The count takes place on lake and ponds throughout the State of Maine each year on the third Saturday in July from 7 to 7:30 a.m. On July 18, 2015, the count at Howard Pond was two—one loon in the water and a second loon in the nest. A little chick is on the way!

The Howard Pond nest is on a manmade nesting platform. According to the Audubon website, heavy rainfalls in early summer can create rapid water level rises where eggs sitting atop a loon nest can easily float away. A nesting platform can provide a safe nesting place to help guard against the hazards of water fluctuations. The parents share the duties of incubating the egg for about 29 days. Once hatched the parents and the chick spend the rest of the summer on the water.

If you see a nesting loon, please keep your distance and observe with binoculars. Boats should pass at "no wake" speed at least 200 feet from shore and fisherman should always be sure to properly dispose of fishing line and use lead-free tackle. For more interesting information about loons and "Things You Can Do to Be Loon-Friendly" please visit www.MaineAudubon.org and click on Maine Loon Project.

Town Office
Reminder: Special Town Meeting on Saturday, July 25 at 7 p.m. at the Town Hall. The one article to be voted on is in regard to whether or not to raise \$23,000 to purchase a used fire truck. An ad has been placed in the Bethel Citizen for the past two weeks and the warrant has been posted since July 14 at three places in Gilead.

The Town Office will be closed on July 28. Regular hours will return the next week.

Work has begun on the 2015 Real Estate Taxes. The Selectmen contacted John E. O'Donnell & Associates and authorized them to begin the process and get the bills mailed out to the taxpayers of Gilford. If all goes well, the taxes will come out near the first of September and be due and payable in October before interest begins.

Thirty Day Notices for the 2014 unpaid real estate taxes will be mailed out

Local DUV members attend convention

Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War held their 103rd convention on June 26, 2015 at the Hampton Inn in Waterville. Members from tents 8, 17, 19 and 23 were in attendance. National President, Ellen Higgins, also attended. One new member was initiated. New officers were nominated and

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Moose Sighting
A mature and very large bull moose was seen one early morning last week swimming across Howard Pond! It swam to nearly the end of the southern shore, foraged underwater for food, reared its head and shook its massive rack before exiting the water by the Bartlett property and then disappeared into the woods. How I wish I were there!

GRML Update

The Annual Meeting of the Gardner Roberts Memorial Library was held on July 14. All current Officers, Trustees and Staff were present and re-elected as follows: Lynne Ramsey, President; Maria Holloway, Vice President; Dottie Adams, Secretary; Dan Force, Treasurer; Darlene Baker, Paulette Booth, Gail Parent, and Amy Verill, Trustees; and Peggy Sisbury, Librarian. One seat remains to be filled for an additional Trustee. Anyone interested in serving may inquire with any of the officers or please feel free to attend any future meetings of the Trustees. (The Trustees meet every second Tuesday of the month at 6pm at the Library. Meetings are open to the citizens of the Town.)

Having been a great success last year, the Library Bees will be hosting another "Pie Night." Members of the community are all invited to bring a pie and eat pie while gathering with friends and family. The Pie Night is scheduled for Wednesday evening, Aug. 19, under the Picnic Pavilion located between the Library and Hanover Town Office. All are welcome. Please save the date. Stay tuned for more details.

The Bees have nearly completed the quilt for this year's fall raffle. They have been meeting at the

home of Lynne Ramsey with sewing machines, ironing boards and lots of inspiration. Hummingbirds and morning glories are featured in a fabric of lavender, blue, green and rose hues.

Welcome back Howard Pond campers. Hanover is happy you are here enjoying this wonderful summer.

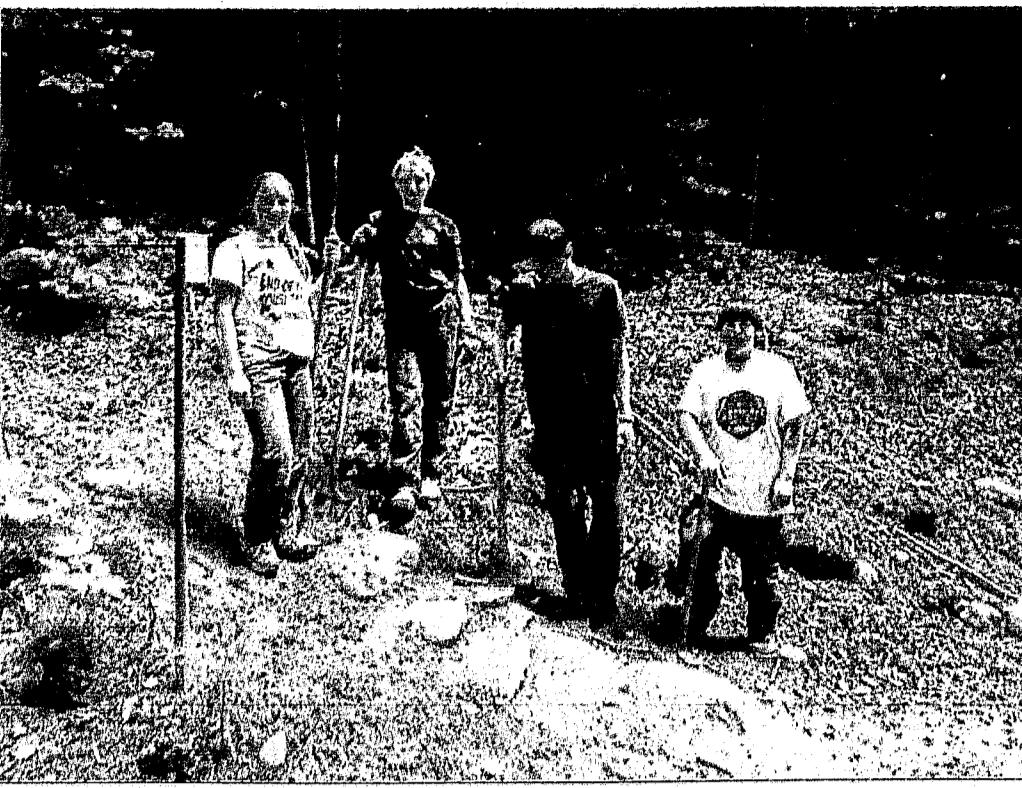
Locke's Mills

By Amy Wight Chapman

I was glad to hear that there have been two arrests in the numerous break-ins that have taken place recently. There have apparently also been several in the Dixfield area, at least one in Gilford, and at least one more here in town. It's very disheartening for all of us to feel as if we can't trust people, and a terrible feeling of violation for the homeowners to whom it has happened.

Tony, Will, and I went to Deertrees Theatre in Harrison on Saturday and saw the British comedy "Lettice and Lovage." We all enjoyed it, but I think Tony will enjoy performances more once his hearing aids, due in a few weeks, arrive! Too many years of using a chainsaw before he realized how important it is to wear ear protection have taken their toll on his hearing. Kids, take note! Now he tries to get me to wear them when I mow the lawn or even vacuum.

Sympathy is extended to the family and friends of Dolly Olson. Speaking of Deertrees, when we were there last summer for a concert, we saw Dolly there with Gilman Tuell and Joe and Pam Hebert. I remember how happy they all were that evening, enjoying the concert and



OCCC TRAIL WORK-A group of young people have been working on the trails at Lapham Ledge and Buck's Ledge in Bryant Pond. They are this summer's Oxford County Conservation Corps, working at the 4-H School and learning to do trail maintenance and building. Here, Erin Childs of Greenwood, Morgan Prentice of Bryant Pond, Cameran Kidder of Dixfield and Mark Anthony of Greenwood work on the trails at Buck's Ledge as part of the Oxford County Conservation Corps at the 4-H School.

Jane Chandler

each other's company. She will certainly be missed by many.

I went to Mollyockett Day on Saturday, expecting to complete my two volunteer shifts at the library (book sale and raffle tickets) by noon and head home, but I ended up enjoying myself so much that I stayed until late afternoon. I had a great time chatting with the other volunteers and the people who stopped by to buy books and tickets. Even the weather wasn't too bad, as the rain held off, after one drenching shower just as we were opening the book sale (which, fortunately, was held under one of Neil Olson's big tents).

That reminds me, if anyone is interested in the raffle for three dining packages, all of the Bethel Library trustees (that includes me) have tickets to sell. The prizes are great - each package consists of five or six gift certificates to local restaurants, so you get to go out for a meal several times and try out different places. The drawing will be held at Harvest Fest in September, and all of the proceeds benefit the library.

I finally got in to see Betsy Foster's wonderful watercolor exhibit at the Local Hub. It is called "The Art of the Commonplace" and will, I think, strike a chord with almost everyone.

I have sad news for loon lovers. Nancy Uber reported that she saw one of the eagles snatch the North Pond loon chick on Sunday and carry it back to its nest on Packard's Island. Although we all know that nature is often cruel, those of us who were pulling for the chick in the annual loons vs. eagles drama are still heartbroken.

I had done the annual loon count on North Pond for Maine Audubon just the morning before; I kayaked around the pond and saw three adult loons, but hadn't been able to find the chick. Then on Sunday morning I saw it swimming with its parents, but it wasn't more than a few hours later that it met its end.

The Locke's Mills Union Church will hold its annual Blueberry Festival on Saturday, Aug. 1 from 7:30 to 11 a.m., or when they are sold out. There will be blueberries for sale, as well as blueberry pancakes, pies, and sundaes, baked goods, and attic treasures.

The Greenwood Historical Society will meet on Wednesday, Aug. 5 at 7 p.m. at the Historical Society building on Main Street in Locke's Mills. Gordon and Owen Morgan will present a program on Samuel Morgan.

E-mail your news to amy.w.chapman@gmail.com, leave a message at 875-5511, or contact me on Facebook.

Mason

By Richard Grover

As I've mentioned before, Mona takes care of 18 month old great granddaughters Harper nearly every Monday. Harper is at that wonderful age where she is beginning to talk, has several teeth and is rapidly learning new things. About two weeks ago, Mona showed Harper how to hold a dog treat and let Shiloh take it out of her hand. When Shiloh is a little too eager, we tell him to "sit!" Last week, for some reason Harper didn't want to hold the treat for Shiloh, but she would drop the treat on the floor, shout "sit, Shiloh!" and then, "Plop," Harper dropped to her butt on the kitchen floor! Shiloh would usually sit as well.

On Saturday morning, Shiloh and I walked down the driveway on our way to get the paper. At the lower end of the driveway, I saw Shiloh suddenly jump and grab something at the base of the firewood pile. Then two robins put up a ruckus and dived repeatedly at Shiloh's head, narrowly missing him. I immediately saw a baby robin's legs and wings sticking out of Shiloh's mouth. I yelled at Shiloh to "Drop it!" And he did. There sat a baby robin just about fully covered in feathers with his head back and his beak wide open for Shiloh to feed him! I picked up the tiny creature, with adult robins scolding and fluttering around my head, placed the little one on top of the woodpile, and called Shiloh to resume our trip to the mailbox for the paper. We went back to the

house by the back driveway to keep Shiloh away from the birds. I hope the little one learned to fly well enough to avoid other predators.

Newry

By Doug Webster

Last Tuesday afternoon, my family and I pulled into the yard after camping at Mt. Blue State Park on Webb Lake. Two cars pulled up to the store. As I was getting ready for the usual, "Sorry, we are closed," a lady got out of the car and said, "Hi, Doug!" It took me a second to recognize her, I finally realized it was Vicki Leonard and her brother, John. They had just come back from a cruise up Route 26. Vicki had her grandson with her, and they had been up the road showing him all the places they had enjoyed while growing up on Newry. Vicki now lives in North Carolina and John in New Hampshire. It was great to see them. I hope they had a good time visiting.

As far as I know, the School Board has not made a counterproposal to the Newry Withdrawal Committee. Jim Sysko, Chair of the Withdrawal Committee, sent a letter to Newry taxpayers. The letter has an update on the work that the committee has done in the past year. If you didn't receive a letter, contact Jim Sysko.

I see the Bingham Forest Recreation Park was in the news. Some residents on the Daisy Bryant Road (the access road for the project) are concerned about the scope of the project and are wondering how it will affect their private road that they maintain. The Daisy Bryant residents became concerned when they realized that they Bingham Forest Committee had decided to move forward with the trail building. The road use and corrosion was becoming a concern. Phase 1 of the Bingham Forest mountain bike trail system seems to extend into Newry. We will see what happens next.

Don't forget the Tough Mountain Challenge at Sunday River on Saturday. It is estimated that there will be 3,500 participants this year. It is quite a show.

South Woodstock

By Lolalee Dillingham

Monday July 20, 1:15 p.m. Good afternoon dear readers, it's a beautiful warm sunny day, 88 degrees here and I have the air conditioners and all fans on keeping it cool and comfortable in here.

Our condolences are going to the mailbox for the paper. We went back to the

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College grad

Justyne Myers graduated from Mt. Holyoke College with a Bachelor's Degree in Economics and a minor in Chinese.

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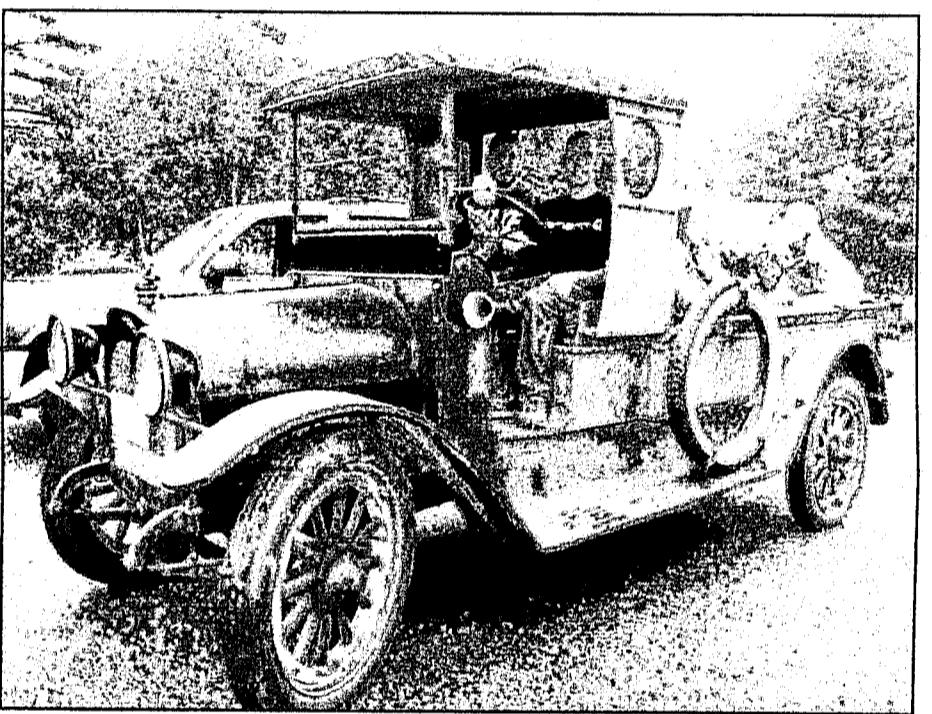
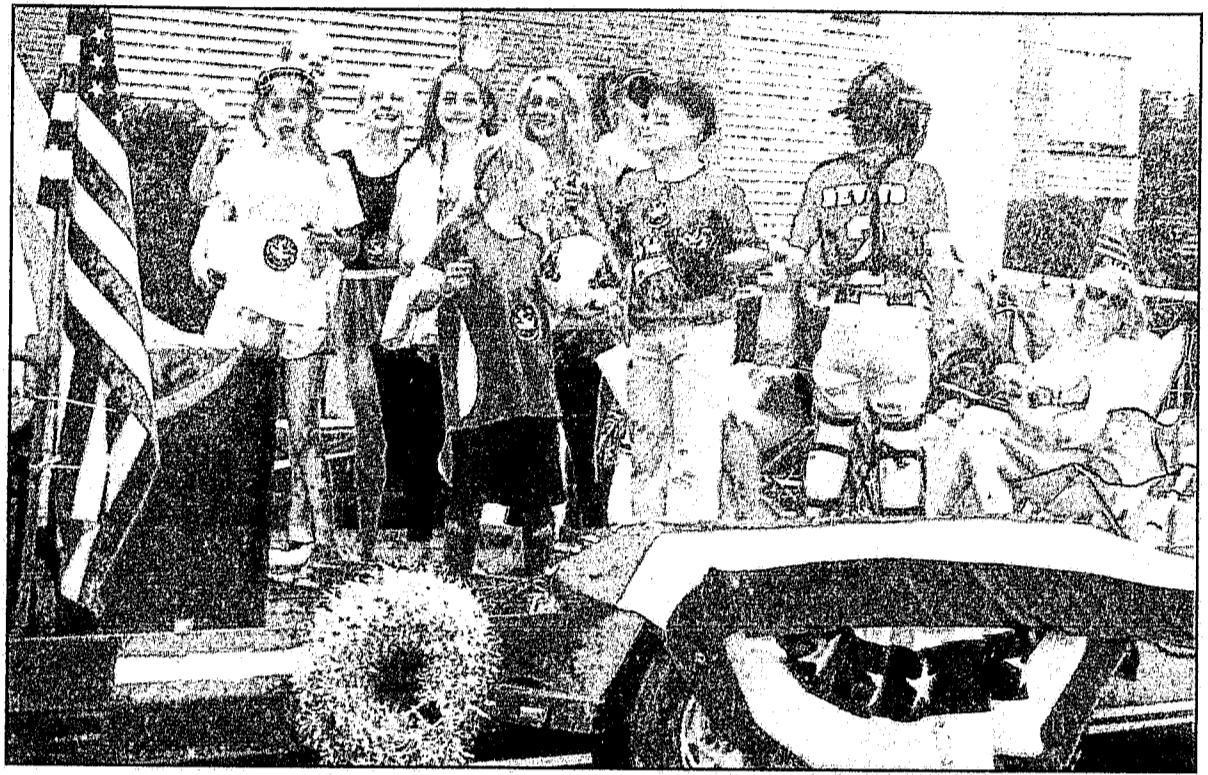
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MollyOckett Day 2015

A lot of rain first thing Saturday morning did not deter the youngsters who turned out for the MollyOckett Day Road Race. As the rain let up, they were off from the start line. In other photos (clockwise), the winning float of the Funky Red Barn in the Celebrate Local Talent-themed parade; Allen and Keith Savage in their 1916 REO truck; Camden Tanguay makes a hoop for her Aunt Hayley's Hula Hoop booth on the Common; the crowd late morning; pirates (from left) Chelsea Duclos of East Andover and Brenna and Jessica Clampi, summer residents of Newry, on the third-place family float; dancer Rijah Newell in the parade.

(Photos: A. Aloisio)



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out to the families of Dolly Olson, Marie Dyke, June Andrews, Stewart Cummings, Virgil Giles, Dianne Hammon, and Larry L. White. Thoughts and prayers to each family member.

Craig, April, Betty Davis, Yogi and I enjoyed a nice meal at Mack's place in Bridgton last night.

Paula and I were scheduled to play at the Gazebo at 6 p.m. last night, but due to the thundershower it was held in the church.

The Bethel Alliance Church will be holding their Community Supper on Wednesday, July 29, starting at 4:30 p.m. Hope to see y'all there.

I have started working on my winter projects and I have a few things in the works; I switch from one project to another so as not to get bored of the same thing.

Yogi and I stopped by to visit with my sister Maxine and (husband) Richard Libby Friday afternoon.

Paula and I will be entertaining the Veteran's on the 22nd and then we play for the residents in Lewiston on Friday, the 24th. We both always look forward to our time spent with our very special folks every week.

Celebrating July birthdays are Leon Poland, Juanita Ford, Larry Wilday, Greg Hadley, Randy Gladden, Terry Merrill, Cassidy Lane and Tia Gladden.

Lots of public suppers around the area and the County Fairs have begun, so something for everyone to enjoy.

Anniversary wishes are going out to Jerry and Tracie Mason and Leon and Rosalie Poland.

Well, that's all from the valley this week. Enjoy each day and stay well.

Upton

By Joe Bernier



The Upton Historical Society met Sunday afternoon. They discussed a variety of subjects. The longest discussion was about "Upton Fun Day" and

their roles in it. They also talked about changing the date of officer elections.

Letter B Notch Riders also had a meeting Sunday. They too discussed their role in "Upton Fun Day" including the "Chinese Auction" they will have that afternoon.

The Upton Union Church is the recipient of new organ. It is a Hammond T-400 spinet organ. Bob Hudson and Dave Tucker acquired the organ and donated it to the church. During the worship service Sunday, July 19, Pastor Jane Rich conducted a dedication service for the new organ.

The Upton Planning Board will meet Friday, July 31 at the town office.

How and why is flying the Cuban flag in our nation's capital applauded and flying the Confederate flag anywhere taboo?

Please call 533-2010 or e-mail backstjoe@gmail.com with your news.

Waterford

By Rockie Graham



Even though it often seems like I do nothing, still I get fouled up and double booked.

Then I can't do the things I planned.

That was the case with the World's Fair last week. I had every intention of going on Friday, senior citizens' day and when I had scheduled a conference call for the same time. Oh well. Next year. You know what they say, people plan, God laughs.

I have gotten to tai chi at least once per week if not more. That is helpful although my legs and ankles do not agree. They want nothing to do with movement. In any case, I go to step up. Tuesday morning and get a stationary bike from a friend on Friday. That should help strengthen my legs and then... the world is my oyster; or so I plan. Stop laughing God! I need this.

In any case, the heat is bad today but not as bad as predicted. I have the truck and so AC, but I still prefer the windows open. We shall

see. Tomorrow, Tuesday, is another Church supper - a strawberry shortcake one, I hope it goes OK.

I'll miss the annual Source to the Sea trek this year. Maybe next year I will be able to go again. It has been quite a few years since I did. Need a partner to go with, especially since I no longer have a canoe. But next year may be the year. We shall see, keep routing for me.

It is 80 degrees in this room so I can't go for long. Computers do not like the heat.

Neither do I. I have had time to write. My latest poem, in beginning stages is: I want my body back. It is about

well guess what. I am ready

for my body to return. I do

not know who had this one, but it is nothing I requested.

I wait for the return. Or maybe wait is the wrong word.

Work for it is much better. It

is one step forward and three steps back. Such is how it goes.

Saturday, July 26, in addition to another segment of the source to the sea event, there is a Ham Supper on Main Street in South Paris sponsored by the AmVets at 53 Main Street from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. Adults are \$8 and kids 12 and under \$4.

Sunday, Aug. 2, Uptown Cruzas Car Show will be at the New Balance Factory Store on Route 26 in Oxford. Registration is \$5 per car. Participants will vote on each of the 23 classes. This will benefit Santa Visits, Veterans Fund, the Good Shepherd Food Bank, etc. FMI call Les Wing 890-0870 or Dan Tripp 743-8073.

Monday, Aug. 3, Knitting Group will meet at the Waterford Library 2 to 4 p.m. FMI: 583-2070.

Monday Aug. 3, 6:30 to 8:30

Socrates Cafe meets at the Waterford Library. 583-2070.

Saturday, Aug. 8, the Albany Town House on Hunt's Corner Road, 7:30 to 9:30 there will be a dance to celebrate extensive renovations to the Town House. FMI: 824-2216.

That is all for this week. Stay cool and safe. Call in anything you want to see in this column. 743-0583.

Tough Mountain Challenge this weekend

On Saturday 3,500 pre-registered racers will compete in the largest summer event at Sunday River: the sixth annual Tough Mountain Challenge, a four mile mud race with natural and man-made obstacles up and down the snowless slopes at the resort.

Registration for this year's event is currently sold out, but course access is available for spectators and fans to watch the event free of charge. The annual Mini Mountain Challenge for competitors between the

ages of 4 and 12 is open for registration and is an opportunity to let the kids play in the mud themselves. New this year, the Mini Mountain Challenge will have separate heats with different obstacles suitable for various age groups.

Tough Mountain Challenge teams can consist of four or more competitors and will be timed as the average of each team member's finish time, allowing members to run together or separately. Team awards will be given to each

of the top three teams.

Overall, the Tough Mountain Challenge consists of 17 obstacles, a mix of old favorites and new obstacles.

Created in 2010, the Tough Mountain Challenge was designed to take some of Sunday River's most well-known mountain features and pin them against willing participants. What started as a race featuring 200 racers its first year has quickly exploded into an event that now boasts 3,500 men and women.

Concert at Alan Day Community Garden

The Alan Day Community Garden will host Kate Schrock and the legendary Glen DaCosta of Bob Marley and the Wailers on Aug. 15 at 7 p.m. at the Garden at 26 Whitman Street in Norway. This concert will benefit the Garden's plans to build an open covered pavilion for workshops and other events.

Tickets will be sold on a sliding scale of \$10 to \$25. Kids under 12 will be admitted free. It is suggested that you bring your own chairs.

A native of Portland, the DIY artist Kate Schrock released her first record, Refuge, in 1994. This "sagacious lyricist and intense solo performer," moved to Chicago and wrote a follow-up Sunyata, a dark journey through love's illusion, according to her website. She returned to the Northeast in 2001 and began recording on her own label, Kakelane Music. Soon after, she began her collaboration with DaCosta and recorded kör, an intimate retrospective, which includes Marley's "Waiting in Vain." Other CDs include Indiana, Dames Rocket, and Invocation. All are available on her website www.kateschrock.com.

Kate is no stranger to the Oxford Hills. She performed at the Fare Share Follies in 2002 and offered two intimate concerts in the Fare Share Commons near that time. A friend to Alan Day, Schrock is excited to return to Norway and to contribute to the Garden built in his honor. Created in 2009 in memory of local philanthropist and artist, Alan Day, the Alan Day Community Garden is a 501c3 organization that accepts tax-deductible donations. It is located at 26 Whitman Street in Norway, across from the Grange. For more information, contact AlanDayCommunityGarden@gmail.com, call 743-2423, and/or visit the website at alandaygarden.wordpress.com.

CHURCH SERVICES

ANDOVER
First Congregational Church - Linda Coulter, pastor. Sunday morning worship 10 to 11 a.m. followed by brunch. All welcome. FMI: 392-3761.

Calvary Bible Church
Sunday School 9:30 a.m.; Sunday Worship 10:45 a.m.; Wednesday Prayer Meeting 6:30 p.m. 1063 South Main St. 392-1121.

BETHEL

Bethel Alliance Church - 251 Walker's Mills Road, Rev. Kevin Bellinger, Senior Pastor and Nicholas Lutzo, Youth Pastor. Sundays: 9 a.m. Sunday School for adults, teens and children; 10 a.m. Worship Service (Nursery care and Children's Church are available); 4:30-6 p.m. Kidz Klub (4 yrs-5th grade). Thursdays: 5-7 p.m. Middle and High School Youth Group. FMI: 207-824-2289.

Bethel Church of the Nazarene - 16 Church Street, Bethel. Sunday School, 9:30 (for all ages). Pastor Peter Carter. The third Sunday of every month at 9 a.m. breakfast open to the public, no charge. Morning Worship 10:30. Wednesday evening 6 p.m. Prayer and Bible Study. FMI, transportation or prayer please contact Elaine Carter 415-9136 or Juanita Koronen 665-2528.

Bethel Episcopal House
Church-Bethel House Church meets the third Sunday of each month at 4 p.m. The location will rotate among member homes and

the Intervale Meeting House, and The Rev. Nancy Moore from Christ Episcopal, Norway, leads the service and Euicharist. All are invited. FMI contact Rosemary Laban at 850-766-1241 or Christ Episcopal Church at 207-743-6782.

Roman Catholic Church of the Holy Savior, Our Lady of the Snows - 265 Walkers Mills Road, (Route 26). Fr. Gregory Dube may be reached at the parish office 364-4556. Saturday Mass, 6 p.m. Announcements. FMI: 624-2933.

West Parish Congregational - Church Street, Rev. Richard Bennett. Sundays: 10 a.m. worship and Sunday School Sept. May.

Tuesdays: 8 a.m., informal Prayer Group with coffee in the Chapel. All are welcome. First Wednesday of the month: 8 a.m., Mens' Breakfast Group. Entrance in rear of church. All events open to everyone. This is an open and affirming congregation. FMI: 624-2689.

United Methodist - 79 Main Street, Pastor Carol Stevens. Sunday worship service 9 a.m. FMI: 824-2027.

West Bethel Union - Morning worship and 9 a.m. Sunday School. FMI: 836-3533.

Pleasant Valley Bible Pastor Dave Fraher, Sunday Services: Sunday School, 9 a.m.; Worship Service, 10 a.m. Ladies Bible study Tuesday, 2:30 p.m. Midweek Bible study and prayer, Wednesday 6 p.m. Awana Club Fridays 3:30 to 5 p.m. (Cubbies

ages 3/4; Sparks Grades K-2; children may take bus from school). FMI: 836-2828. Visit us on our Facebook page.

Seventh Day Adventist Fellowship: Meets at the Nazarene Church on Saturdays, on Church Street in Bethel. Sabbath School 9:30 a.m.; Worship, 11 a.m. FMI: 357-7814.

LOCKE'S MILLS

Locke Mills Union - Pastor Sondra Withey. Sunday Morning Service and Sunday School, 9 to 10 a.m. Choir practice at the church every Friday at 6:30 p.m. Everyone is welcome. 875-3355.

NEWRY
Newry Community Church - Pastor Matthew Jones. Service at 3:30 p.m. Sundays.

WOODSTOCK

Bryant Pond Baptist- Pastor Matt Jones, Sundays: Sunday School 9:15 a.m.; Morning Worship 10:30 a.m.; Evening Service 6 p.m.; Mid-week Service Wednesdays, 6:30 p.m.

Woodstock Seventh

day Adventist- Pastor Greg Carlson 207-527-2551, Saturday: 9:20 a.m. Sabbath school, 11 a.m. worship service. Pinhook Meeting House (Rt. 232, North Woodstock) - Hymn Sing, last Friday of each month, 7 p.m. All welcome.

Mahoosuc Mountain Friends - a worship group meeting in the unprogrammed tradition of Friends (Quakers)-Sundays, 9:30 a.m. at the Whitman Memorial Library, Bryant Pond. Newcomers welcome. FMI: 824-8669.

Savings Bank hosts art contest

In 2016 Norway Savings Bank will celebrate its 150th anniversary. The bank will host an art contest and is seeking original artwork in a variety of mediums and subjects that represent the Norway Savings Bank "Colorful Solutions" brand and the Maine way of life.

"The art contest provides the opportunity to showcase the tremendous talent of Maine artists and ties in perfectly with our 'Colorful Solutions' brand," said Patricia Weigel, President and CEO of Norway Savings Bank.

Thirteen winners will be selected and featured in the bank's 2016 desktop calendar, as well as on its website and Facebook page. The first place winner will receive \$1,000 and the artwork will be featured on the cover of the 150th Anniversary Commemorative book. To learn more about the contest, visit www.norwaysavingsbank.com for details and to download an entry form. The deadline for all contest entries is Sept. 1.

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

District Exchange; Bethel Park, 23 Mason Street, Bethel. Hours: Monday 1 to 4 p.m., Thursday 4 to 6 p.m., Saturday 10 a.m. to 12 noon. Donations of gently-used clothing only accepted during open hours - No exceptions. FMI: 824-4090. Clothing may also be left at Northeast Bank, Main Street, Bethel Monday through Wednesday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.; Thursday and Friday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.; and Saturday 9 a.m. to 12 noon.

Bethel Area Food Pantry; serving the residents of Albany, Andover, Bethel, East Bethel, West Bethel, Bryant Pond, Gilford, Greenwood, Hanover, Locke's Mills, Mason Township, Newry, Upton and Woodstock. The Food Pantry is open on the second Monday of each month from noon to 3 p.m. Anyone in need of food should come during those hours, without appointment. The Food Pantry is located in the basement of the Nazarene Church, 16 Church Street, Bethel, by the side entrance on Park Street.

Scribner's Sawmill and Homestead Tours; 1 to 4 p.m., first and third Saturdays of the month throughout the summer. A minimum \$5 donation per adult is requested. All funds are used for the continued restoration of the site. To schedule a group tour or school field trip, call Nancy Grigg (674-4459). To arrange for a private tour, call 583-6455.

The Art of the Commonplace; An exhibit of watercolor or paintings by Betsey Foster, featuring local people, local events, and local nature. The exhibit is at The Local Hub on Main Street in Locke's Mills. It will be on display through July.

Thursday, July 23

20th Annual Source to the Sea; 8:30 a.m., Hanover to Rumford. FMI: Becky Secrest (207-824-3813, 207-754-8158, beckys@oxfordnetworks.net or trek@androscoogginwatershed.org) or visit http://androscoogginwatershed.org or http://arwc.camp7.org/.

Friday, July 24

20th Annual Source to the Sea; 8:30 a.m., Mexico to Dixfield. FMI: Becky Secrest (207-824-3813, 207-754-8158, beckys@oxfordnetworks.net or trek@androscoogginwatershed.org) or visit http://androscoogginwatershed.org or http://arwc.camp7.org/.

Music without Borders Recital; 7:30 p.m., McLaughlin Science Center, Gould Academy, Bethel. Open to the public at no charge. FMI: www.musicwoborders.com.

Saturday, July 25

6th Annual Tough Mountain Challenge; South Ridge Lodge, Sunday River. 3,500 pre-registered racers compete in a four-mile mud race with natural and man-made obstacles up and down the snowless slopes at the resort. FMI: tough-mountain.com.

20th Annual Source to the Sea; 8:30 a.m., Dixfield to Canton. FMI: Becky Secrest (207-824-3813, 207-754-8158, beckys@oxfordnetworks.net or trek@androscoogginwatershed.org) or visit http://androscoogginwatershed.org or http://arwc.camp7.org/.

Indoor Yard Sale; 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., United Methodist Church, 79 Main Street, Bethel.

Public Ham Supper; 4:30 to 6:30 p.m., 58 Lower Main Street, South Paris. Sponsored by AmVets Post 777. Adults/\$8, kids 12 and under/\$4.

Jones Dance Band; 7 to 10 p.m., Legion Hall, Church Street, South Paris. Playing old-fashioned dance music. Adults/\$5.

Music without Borders Recital; 7:30 p.m., McLaughlin Science Center, Gould Academy, Bethel. Open to the public at no charge. FMI: www.musicwoborders.com.

Sunday, July 26

20th Annual Source to the Sea; 8:30 a.m., Canton to Snoopy. FMI: Becky Secrest (207-824-3813, 207-754-8158, beckys@oxfordnetworks.net or trek@androscoogginwatershed.org) or visit http://androscoogginwatershed.org or http://arwc.camp7.org/.

Moore Park Art Show; 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Moore Park, South Paris. Featuring 30 artists and fine crafters, home cooked foods and a full day of live entertainment including a free theater workshop for children. FMI: www.mooreparkartshow.biz or 890-6386.

July 27, 28, 29, 30 and 31

Vacation Bible School; 6 to 8 p.m., Pleasant Valley Bible Church, 407 Flat Road, West Bethel. Theme: Turned Around. Music, stories, crafts, games, skits, and snacks for children 3 years old to sixth grade. FMI/Registration: Cindy (836-3006).

Tuesday, July 28

Music without Borders Recital; 7:30 p.m., McLaughlin Science Center, Gould Academy, Bethel. Open to the public at no charge. FMI: www.musicwoborders.com.

Wednesday, July 29

20th Annual Source to the Sea; 8:30 a.m., Livermore Falls to Twin. FMI: Becky Secrest (207-824-3813, 207-754-8158, beckys@oxfordnetworks.net or trek@androscoogginwatershed.org) or visit http://androscoogginwatershed.org or http://arwc.camp7.org/.

Community Supper (No Charge); 4:30 to 6 p.m., Bethel Alliance Church, 251 Walkers Mills Road (across from Telstar parking lot). Call 207-824-2289 for more information.

The Stanfields, Bethel Celtic Concert; 7 p.m., United

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Thursday, July 30

20th Annual Source to the Sea; 5:30 p.m., After hours paddle at Otis Mill in Jay. FMI: Becky Secrest (207-824-3813, 207-754-8158, beckys@oxfordnetworks.net or trek@androscoogginwatershed.org) or visit http://androscoogginwatershed.org or http://arwc.camp7.org/.

Friday, July 31

20th Annual Source to the Sea; 8:30 a.m., Twin Bridges to Center Bridge. FMI: Becky Secrest (207-824-3813, 207-754-8158, beckys@oxfordnetworks.net or trek@androscoogginwatershed.org) or visit http://androscoogginwatershed.org or http://arwc.camp7.org/.

Aug. 1 and 2

"Back to the Past" Event; 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Scribner's Mill, 244 Scribner's Mill Road, Harrison. This annual event offers something for everyone, including two full days of demonstrations, exhibits, house tours, children's activities and good food. Special this year will be demonstrations of historic and current horse logging and saw milling methods. Admission: \$8/adults, free for children 12 and under. FMI: 583-MILL (6455).

Saturday, Aug. 1

Locke's Mills Blueberry Festival; 7:30 to 11 a.m. (or until sold out), Locke Mills Union Church. Blueberries, pancakes, pies, sundaes, baked goods and treasures.

20th Annual Source to the Sea; 8:30 a.m., Center Bridge to Gulf Island. FMI: Becky Secrest (207-824-3813, 207-754-8158, beckys@oxfordnetworks.net or trek@androscoogginwatershed.org) or visit http://androscoogginwatershed.org or http://arwc.camp7.org/.

"Daylily Day" Plant Sale; 9 a.m. to 12 p.m., Nabos Lilies, Hostas, Iris, Astilbe and more. Proceeds to support the Community Hearing Project Fund. FMI: Karen Paul (207-836-2266).

Youth Football Clinic/Cookout; 9 a.m. to 12 p.m., Telstar High School. Open to children grades 2 through 12 in the greater Bethel area. No need to sign up in advance, just show up on the day of the clinic. This serves as a great meet and greet for coaches, players and parents. FMI: Grades 2 through 8 Jody Swallow (890-9606), Grades 9 through 12 Lou Bran (562-4337) or Tim Mason (577-6149).

Ellis River Riders Gymkhana Night Show; 3 p.m., 78 Airport Road, Andover. Participant fees: \$5 per class (members), \$7 per class (non-members), \$1 number fee, \$3 replacement number fee, \$6 trophy fee, \$10 Registration fee (waived with early online registration). Parking and spectator admission is free. Food booth open. FMI: www.ellisriverriders.com.

Roast Pork Supper; 5 to 6:30 p.m., Blazing Star Lodge, Rumford Point. \$8/adults, \$5/children 12 and under.

Sunday, Aug. 2

Uptown Cruizahs Car Show; New Balance Factory Store, Route 26, Oxford. Registration: 7:30 to 11 a.m. (\$5 per car). Show participants will vote in each of 22 classes up to 12:30 p.m. Awards will be held at 2 p.m. There will be giveaways and refreshments throughout the day. Music will be provided by Red Wing. Proceeds will benefit local organizations such as Santa Visits Oxford, Maine Veterans' Home activity Fund, and Good Shepherd Food Bank. FMI: Les Wing (890-0870) or Dan Tripp (743-8073).

20th Annual Source to the Sea; 8:30 a.m., Auburn to Range Court Preserve. FMI: Becky Secrest (207-824-3813, 207-754-8158, beckys@oxfordnetworks.net or trek@androscoogginwatershed.org) or visit http://androscoogginwatershed.org or http://arwc.camp7.org/.

Ellis River Riders Open Show; 9 a.m., 78 Airport Road, Andover. Participant fees: \$5 per class (members), \$7 per class (non-members), \$1 number fee, \$3 replacement number fee, \$6 trophy fee, \$10 Registration fee (waived with early online registration). Parking and spectator admission is free. Food booth open. FMI: www.ellisriverriders.com.

Free Chamber Music Concert with Dupont String Quartet; 4 p.m., United Methodist Church of Bethel, 75 Main Street. The mission of the DSQ is to connect audiences to composers and their influences by bringing to life the human context of each score's creation. They achieve this mission through: Performance, Research, Discussion, Insight, Varied Style, Themed Programs, Education and youth access.

Aug. 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7

Vacation Bible Adventure; 6 to 8:30 p.m., Bethel Alliance Church, 251 Walkers Mills Road (across from Telstar parking lot). Everest: Conquering Challenges with God's Mighty Power. All kids ages 4 years through fifth grade are welcome. FMI: 207-824-2289.

Monday, Aug. 3

Telstar Middle School summer sundae social; for students from 11:30-1:30. Students can come and return books, check out new books, and enjoy some ice cream in the Telstar Library.

Socrates Café Meeting; 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., Waterford Library. Topic: What Characteristics Would You Choose For

Mt. Rushmore's Fifth President? Moderator: Richard Balian. Light refreshments provided. FMI call 583-6957.

Wednesday, Aug. 5

Youth Football Signup; 5 to 7 p.m., Greenwood Practice Field, Howe Hill Road. FMI: Tim Mason (577-6149) or Jody Swallow (890-9606).

Greenwood Historical Society Meeting; 7 p.m., Historical Society building in Locke's Mills. Gordon and Owen Morgan will present a program on Samuel Morgan (1748-1772).

Aug. 6, 7 and 8

A Very Potter Musical; 7 p.m., Telstar High School auditorium. This is the Bethel Community Theater's first-ever production, with a cast and crew of amazingly talented local teens and adults who offer a riotous performance that is worth the drive for Potter/Starkid fans from across the state. Free admission on a first come, first served basis. Reserve seats at http://www.eventbrite.com/e/a-very-potter-musical-tickets-17732925658?aff=es2. This show is Rated PG-13.

Thursday, Aug. 6

20th Annual Source to the Sea; 5:30 p.m., Auburn after hours paddle. FMI: Becky Secrest (207-824-3813, 207-754-8158, beckys@oxfordnetworks.net or trek@androscoogginwatershed.org) or visit http://androscoogginwatershed.org or http://arwc.camp7.org/.

Friday, Aug. 7

20th Annual Source to the Sea; 8:30 a.m., Durham to Lisbon Falls. FMI: Becky Secrest (207-824-3813, 207-754-8158, beckys@oxfordnetworks.net or trek@androscoogginwatershed.org) or visit http://androscoogginwatershed.org or http://arwc.camp7.org/.

First Friday Reception; 5 to 7 p.m., Main Street Gallery (a cooperative of Western Maine artists) 426 Main Street, Norway. FMI: Linda Isham (lrisham@aol.com).

Spaghetti Dinner; 6:30 p.m., Fryeburg New Church Assembly, 84 Main Street, Fryeburg (across from the Visitor's Center). \$9 per person, gluten-free and vegan options available.

Saturday, Aug. 8

2015 Dole Three-Miler Race; 8 a.m., Mountain Division Rail Trail at the Maine State Visitor Center, 97 Main Street (Route 302) Fryeburg. Registration: \$20 in advance, \$25 on race day. Proceeds to benefit Fryeburg New Church Assembly, the Fryeburg New Church and the Mountain Division Rail Trail. FMI/Registration: www.dole3miler.com.

20th Annual Source to the Sea; 8:30 a.m., Topsham to Brunswick. FMI: Becky Secrest (207-824-3813, 207-754-8158, beckys@oxfordnetworks.net or trek@androscoogginwatershed.org) or visit http://androscoogginwatershed.org or http://arwc.camp7.org/.

Oxford Hills Honey Bee Club Potluck; 1 p.m., 16 Bill Howe's Road, Norway (for directions go to mainehoneybees.com). Bring your favorite dish, and lawn chair. Club will be providing Hamburgers, Hot Dogs, and Beverages. Weather permitting there will be an open hive, so bring your bee veil. FMI: Kevin (farroot@roadrunner.com).

Saturday Night Dance; 7:30 to 9:30 (doors open at 7), Albany Town House. To celebrate extensive renovations to the old hall - including the recent installation of indoor plumbing - the Albany Improvement Association invites one and all to hit the dance floor and enjoy the music of the Shadagee Ramblers. FMI: 824-2216.

Sunday, Aug. 9

20th Annual Source to the Sea; 8:30 a.m., Brunswick/Merry-meeting Bay, Water Street in Brunswick. FMI: Becky Secrest (207-824-3813, 207-754-8158, beckys@oxfordnetworks.net or trek@androscoogginwatershed.org) or visit http://androscoogginwatershed.org or http://arwc.camp7.org/.

Youth Football Signup; 10 a.m. to 12 p.m., Greenwood Practice Field, Howe Hill Road. FMI: Tim Mason (577-6149) or Jody Swallow (890-9606).

Monday, Aug. 10

Essentials of College Planning for adults 19 and over; 10 a.m., Western Maine University and Community College Center, South Paris. FMI/Registration: 1-800-281-3703 or http://meoc.maine.edu. Free and open to the public.

Mahoosuc Community Band End of Summer Concert; 7 p.m., West Parish Congregational Church UCC, Church Street, Bethel. Come and hear familiar favorites. Donations accepted. Refreshments will be served.

Wednesday, Aug. 12

Bethel Senior Citizens Club Meeting; 11 a.m., Stony Brook Campground, Hanover.

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BY SARA WRIGHT

Blue Indigo: "A Summer for the Birds"

This has been a summer for the birds! My friends Bob and Linda tell me that their bluebirds are raising a third clutch of eggs, and Rose my neighbor has bluebirds singing from the high wires around her house. I don't have bluebirds but here in the hollow surrounded by a young forest of dense white pines, deciduous trees, open space and a brook I have been inundated with more birds than ever, much to my delight. My bird feeders are situated under a huge field pine beyond my flower gardens and I take them in every night to discourage the resident coons and foxes from climbing up for a feast, while I leave a bit of seed

under the pines for the doe and her speckled fawn who appear around dawn or just after dark. Even my resident moose has been seen nosing that area!

Every morning I awaken to a symphony of cardinal and rose-breasted grosbeaks singing their hearts out along with the white crowned sparrows. The purple and gold finches, the warblers, robins, red winged blackbirds, grackles, hairy and downy woodpeckers, mourning doves, grosbeaks, nuthatches, thrushes, chickadees, hummingbirds, and blue jays all vocalize at once crying out at first light. The cardinals come to the grapevines and click repeatedly until I get the feeders outdoors and set on the ground. As soon as the feeders are out Lily B, my dove flies to his bas-

ket on the porch to watch the show and to converse with each bird group as they arrive. Other than the mourning doves, his favorite birds, his best friend is a scruffy young blue jay whose raucous cries seem to elicit coo after coo. Some days I feel as if I am living inside an aviary. I have excellent habitat for birds but this year stands out as an anomaly. Why do I have so many more birds than usual?

The only answer I can think of is that a bevy of white pines have been beheaded and limbed, their naked trunks left sticking in the air on two adjacent properties. A whole chunk of this cutting has occurred during the past two months. Some days I hear the heart-rending cries of distressed birds as more trees are dismembered. Don't folks real-

ize that birds are nesting in the upper branches of these trees? I believe that this bizarre beheading technique has left many birds without homes during breeding season. Perhaps some birds have moved down here in the hollow where there is more protection.

I certainly have never had Baltimore orioles visit me before this summer, even for a day although I know some folks on North Pond that have them. It has been so dry on the wood roads and so impossibly buggy that walking my dogs to the pond has become a habit because the dogs have water to drink on the hottest of days and I get to hear the loons calling out to each other as they scan the horizon for threats. But by far the most exciting development for me at home has been

the regular visits by the Indigo bunting couple. When I first glimpsed the unearthly shimmering blue male, I gasped in disbelief. How does Nature manage to create such stunning color? I never imagined that I would have a pair here who would raise two clutches of eggs (and perhaps a third?) during the course of the summer.

The indigo bunting, a member of the finch family is a regular summer visitor in eastern North America according to the literature but I have never had a couple raise a family on my front doorstep before. In fact, I have rarely seen the male on more than a few occasions until this summer. Like the cardinal, (its relative) I note that these birds prefer to dine alone at the feeders. Indigo buntings

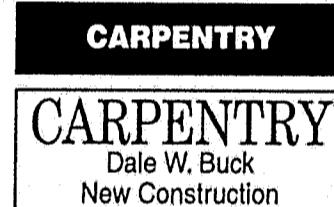
also eat the seed I spread under the pines, and prefer the dense cover whenever they are given a choice. I rarely see the adults dine together, even now that their chicks have fledged. I didn't know that the adult male doesn't turn blue until his second year or that he molts into a spectacular iridescent blue only during breeding season. During the remaining months the male indigo blue plumage is speckled with brown. The difference in coloring between the male and female is a continuing source of astonishment to me. The adult female immediately stands out from the other finches because of the consistent dull brown of her feathers but otherwise bears no resemblance to the male of her species beyond her obvious finch like

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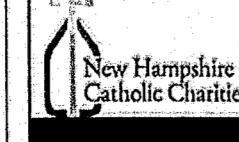
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For further information you may contact the Town Garage at 665-2392 or the Town Office at 665-2668.

Bids are due at the Town Office on or before 5:00PM on Tuesday July 28, 2015.

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Woodstock Board of Selectmen

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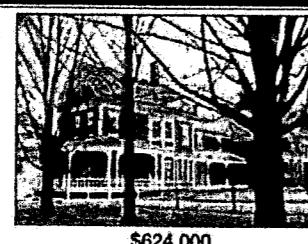
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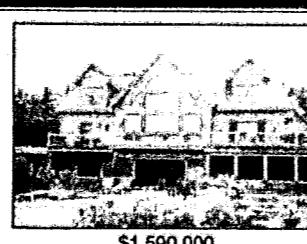
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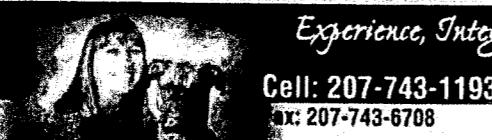
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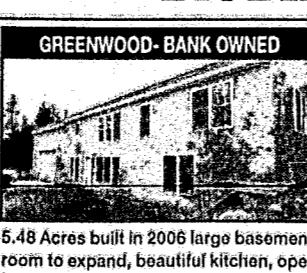
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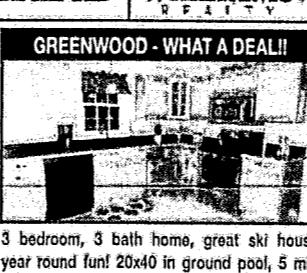
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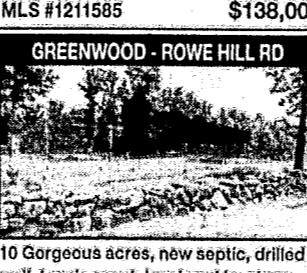
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Woodstock-

- Approximately 3.0 miles of the Concord Pond Road from the Milton Township/Woodstock Town Line to the Woodstock/Peru Town Line.
- Approximately .30 miles of the Granite ledge Road, from the Concord Pond Road to the new Tower Road, so called.
- Approximately .80 of a mile of the Milton Road from the Woodstock/Milton line to the Farnum Road, and the Farnum Road from the Graham/Nelson residence to the Russell residence.

Total Woodstock Mileage 4.10

Milton Township-

Roger Farnum Road	0.67	Milton Road	3.26
Concord Pond Road	0.95	Buck Road	0.24
Hemingway Road	0.27	Sierra Drive	0.22
Pike Road	0.10	Dudley Road	0.11
Billings-Welch Road	0.16		

Total Milton Township mileage 5.98

Total road mileage to be bid 10.08

Attention should be given to pushing back the snow banks as needed based on the amount of snowfall.

The subcontractor shall be employed as an independent contractor and shall provide and furnish all insurance, labor, materials, supplies, equipment supervision and administration necessary for the proper and complete performance of the work as outlined above.

The subcontractor shall be responsible to supply their own sand and salt within this bid price.

Bids are due July 28, 2015 at 5:00 PM at the Woodstock Town Office. Bids will be opened and read aloud. The Selectmen and the Oxford County Commissioners reserve the right to accept or reject any or all bids. For any further information please contact the Woodstock Town Office at 665-2668.

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Obituaries



DELORES OLSON

Dolores "Dolly" Mae Olson, 65, of Woodstock, died July 14, 2015 surrounded by her loved ones at Ledgewood Living Center in West Paris after her battle with cancer. Dolly was born in Rumford on Oct. 24, 1949 the daughter of Joseph Edmond Hebert and Rowena Hebert Dunham. Dolly grew up in Locke's Mills with eight siblings (she being the second child and oldest daughter). Her

siblings always looked up to her as the older sister as she was always looking out for them. As a teenager and into her 20s, Dolly worked at Trap Corner for the Bakers, gaining many friends. She also enjoyed her job as the Purchasing Agent at Burlington Homes.

Dolly is survived by her dearly loved Gilman Tuell of Woodstock; four brothers, Joseph "Joe" Hebert Jr. and his wife Pam of Greenwood, Paul Hebert and his wife Kathy of East Bethel, Anthony "Tony" Hebert and his wife Ruthy of West Paris and Donald Hebert of Greenwood; four sisters, Crystal Lake and her husband Al of Greenwood, Jeannine Wing and her husband Gary of Bryant Pond, Marilyn Howe and her husband Charles of Oxford and Theresa Koskela and her husband

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Elliott Lindquist of Newburyport, Mass. and Peggy Carlson of Wolfeboro, N.H. are pleased to announce the

engagement of their daughter, Sara Briery Lindquist to Anthony Michael Liberti, son of Michael and Christine Liberti of Newry.

This hard working mother might be the reason I so rarely see the female while the male comes at very predictable times beginning in the dawn hours and is, like the cardinal, almost the last visitor at dusk. Identifying the fledglings is difficult because they look similar to other young finches.

It has taken me all summer to learn how to distinguish the Indigo bunting song from all the others because I haven't heard it for any length of time before this year. Like the rest of his family this songbird has a magnificent voice. I was surprised to discover that like the cardinal, the indigo bunting also has a sharp chip or clicking sound that is used as an alarm call or to alert one indigo bunting to the presence of another in the area. I am still confusing the cardinal click with that belonging to the Indigo bunting. I was also surprised to learn that the male Indigo bunting may have more than one mate. The male sings from the tree-tops on this property and can also be seen perched high on telephone wires as I have noted a few times on my walks to the pond. With an ever increasing insect population these birds are particularly helpful because they catch grasshoppers, beetles, flies, mosquitoes, weevils and aphids to feed themselves and to provide an important protein source for their young. Indigo buntings also love berries - blueberries,

raspberries, and my cherries are favorite fruits. Goldenseal and thistle seed, dandelions and other "weeds" make up a good portion of their diet. Fortunately, I have a bountiful collection of all of the above because I let wild plants be, using some medicinally.

Indigo bunting populations are in overall decline. Many fatalities occur when these birds migrate (which occurs only at night) and collide with radio towers and other structures, and of course, the loss of suitable breeding and winter habitat is also a factor. Migration takes place in May and September. When migrating indigo buntings form flocks that range from southern Canada to northern Florida during the breeding season, and from southern Florida to South America in the winter.

Curiously, Barbara Bosworth discovered Renaissance paintings by Angelico and Veneziano depicting saints releasing what appear to be Indigo buntings to the heavens above. Surely, that heavenly blue can have no rival.

For many years now I have favored the cardinal above all other birds for his beautiful whistling call and brilliant crimson color but as of this summer his relative, the Indigo bunting, has stolen my heart. I can only hope that these birds will return once again next year and this fall when the leaves drop I am going to search for a nest made of out snake-skins!

Coming Back as a Bird
By Harriet Ann Ellenberg, July 17, 2015

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Mr. Liberti is a graduate of Gould Academy and graduated from the Carroll School of Management at Boston College with a Bachelor of Science in Business Management Degree with a concentration in Finance. He is currently employed as a Portfolio Adviser with Wellington Management in Boston.

The couple is planning a wedding in September 2015 at Sunday River Golf Club. They live in Cambridge, Mass.

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